YOUR HIGHNESS

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DARKNESS...

A CANDLE WICK ignites. Illuminated within the warm glow lies a LARGE LEATHER BOUND BOOK with intricate decorations and lettering of some strange language.

YE OLDE NARRATOR
Astaldo. Barad lanc nen maethor...

The narrator stops short, clearing his throat.

YE OLDE NARRATOR (CONT'D)
Ahem. Let's try that again- Tengwa!

A HAND covered in jewelry moves over the book causing the very INK on the page to swim around and morph into good old AMERICAN ENGLISH!

YE OLDE NARRATOR (CONT'D)
On the seventh day of the seventh month of the seventh year of the seventh century, in the kingdom of Doobery...

INT. THE ROYAL BIRTHING ROOM - DAY

Gowned and crowned, an elegantly kept WOMAN lies prone upon a cushioned table with her legs spread wide. Her flushed cheeks puff in and out. Tiny groans escape her lips. QUEEN ANNA(29) is about to squeeze one out. A child that is.

Comforting her are several HANDMAIDS. Hunched between her legs upon a stool, smoking a pipe is THE ROYAL PHYSICIAN(60).

A GOLDEN LIGHT glows from between her legs and The Physician reaches forward, pipe falling from his lips.

YE OLD NARRATOR
...was born a most handsome babe. A child like no other. A prince!

Instead of the standard infant whine, a melodious cooing sounds from the unseen babe... Another page is turned...

INT. THE ROYAL DINING ROOM - DAY

A feast of epic proportions is being merrily devoured at the vast ROYAL TABLE. All the KING'S MEN stuff their mouths and guzzle hardy MEAD as merriment abounds for all but one:

Seated dead center, upon a massive throne, is KING TALLIOUS (45). While his royal entourage grub away, the King nervously strokes his flowing beard, eyes locked on the huge oak doors at the end of the hall.

YE OLD NARRATOR
...Heir to the Throne of the great King Tallious.

Suddenly the doors fly open, the King jumping to his feet while all the other men go dead silent.

There stands the Physician, busily stoking his pipe. For a moment everything is silent as the King waits breathlessly.

The Physician looks up and blows a smoke ring. Smiling, he gives the King a joyous pat on the arm!

The Royal hall burst into cheers as the page is turned...

INT. THE ROYAL HALLWAY - DAY

The King marches down the great hall. On each side are the ROYAL KNIGHTS, who quickly raise their swords in salute as the king passes, cradling the cooing infant...

Behind the hard iron faceplates of the Knights' helmets, their eyes widen and water with pure joy.

EXT. THE ROYAL BALCONY - DAY

The King walks out onto the royal balcony which overlooks a huge gathering of TOWNSPEOPLE. All are silent as their eyes stare up to their King.

The sight is overwhelming as the multitudes below utter not a sound leaving only the heavenly cooing to fill the void.

Two ROYAL AIDES step forward and pull the King's CLOAK from his shoulders, revealing a beautiful blue-eyed baby boy, who he then lifts to the heavens.

At that very moment a rainbow dances out of the clouds and falls upon the upheld child.

KING TALLIOUS
Behold! Prince Fabious!

The crowd erupts with joy! BOREMONT (45), the King's best friend, steps forward, looking over the child with gruff approval.

BOREMONT
The boy is strong. A most suitable heir, my lord.

We close in on the baby's smiling face, which is cute as a button, moving in to his crystal blue eye, closer and closer -

YE OLDE NARRATOR
The child was truly blessed.

Several pages flips past, quick images of pure happiness for the King and Queen and their little angel.

INT. THE ROYAL NURSERY - DAY

Prince Fabious is now several months older and taking his first steps. He slowly moves away from Queen Anna across the floor to where King Tallious awaits with a wide smile and arms beckoning.

Amazingly, with each step his footing becomes more sure until finally he leaps into the air, arms outstretched with the poise of a swan, and lands in his Father's embrace.

YE OLD NARRATOR
The baby Prince advanced quickly.
Gifted with many abilities and
strengths.

Both parents share a look of wonder as the page is turned...

INT. THE ROYAL CHESS ROOM - DAY

Young Fabious paces down a line of chess boards, pausing by each to make quick, decisive moves as HIS OPPONENTS, all elderly and academic looking men, shake their heads.

FABIOUS (TO ALL)
Checkmate.

The men all accept their defeat with a scholarly 'golfclap' as another page in the childhood of Fabious is turned...

EXT. THE ROYAL ARCHERY RANGE - DAY

An arrow strikes the bull's-eye of a target.

Young Fabious is handed a gold medal as he stands upon a podium above two full grown ELVES, both incredibly good looking and pointy eared, who wear the silver and bronze. They turn to Fabious and bow to him.

Already a true gentleman, Fabious lifts his opponents arms and shares his victory.

The Elves beam and then bow to each other, and then, as Elves tend to do, start FRENCH KISSING. Page quickly turns...

EXT. MOUTH OF THE DRAGON'S LAIR - DAY

Smoke and flashes of flame illicit gasps from a LARGE CROWD gathered before the mouth of the cave, at a safe distance.

BOREMONT
Look there, my lord!

A figure emerges from the wafting smoke. It is Young Fabious and in his hand he holds the HEAD of a MEAN LOOKING DRAGON.

YE OLD NARRATOR
And a born warrior.

The crowd bursts into cheers!

INT. THE ROYAL QUARTERS OF THE QUEEN - NIGHT

Now a boy of 5, Fabious gently taps the Queen's slumbering shoulder and she turns to find the King and Prince beaming.

Behind them stands a large SHEET COVERED OBJECT.

Fabious yanks the sheet away revealing a meticulously rendered SCULPTURE of their little family with the marble King and Queen holding each other while a young Fabious stands between them.

YE OLD NARRATOR
It was the perfect royal family.
Knowing only love and happiness.

Fabious looks to his mother, hoping he has pleased her.

She throws a hand over her mouth, jumps out of bed, and dashes into her royal bathroom. Puzzled, the Prince looks up to his confused father.

YE OLDE NARRATOR
But some things were about to change...

The unmistakable sound of morning upchucking answers all.

Page slowly turns...

THUNDER ROLLS IN THE SKY AS DARK CLOUDS MOVE IN.

INT. THE ROYAL BIRTHING ROOM - DAY

Same shot from before, business class between the Queen's legs as the pipe smoking Royal Physician attends to her.

Fabious stands by his mother's side, holding her hand.

ROYAL PHYSICIAN
Stubborn lil' bugger!

Sweat covers his brow as he strains with the obviously more difficult child birth.

A tiny infant's foot suddenly whips out and kicks the shit out of the Physician, the pipe cherry exploding onto his face from the excruciating blow.

ROYAL ADVISOR
Lickery jinx!

INT. THE ROYAL DINING ROOM - DAY

The King sits at the huge table feasting with his NOBLES.

ROYAL PHYSICIAN
Ahem...

The King turns and stops short of swallowing his meat.

The Physician looks like he's been attacked by a wild harpee. Tiny red scratches, a black eye, a bloody nose and a look on his face like that of a man who's just been DUNGEON RAPED.

But then Fabious proudly enters carrying his infant brother.

YE OLDE NARRATOR
The Fates granted the royal family a second son!

INT. THE ROYAL HALLWAY - DAY

Once again the King marches down the hallway, only this time the child he cradles in his arms is screaming bloody murder.

And once again the two enormous DOORS are flung open, only this time to a booming explosion of thunder and lightning and-

EXT. THE ROYAL BALCONY - DAY

- pouring rain. The sky is ridiculously ominous looking, a strange red glow, clouds that almost look like demon faces... end of the world shit.

Below, an impatient crowd grumbles.

ANGRY VILLAGER
Well get on with it for fuck's sake!

An arrow immediately pierces his chest and he is flung back, dead as a doornail, into the crowd.

Sighing, the King lifts the squealing child into the air, a bolt of lightning zipping across the sky simultaneously.

KING TALLIOUS
BEHOLD. PRINCE THADEOUS, Second son-

Behind the King, Boremont is handed a small scroll which upon reading causes the stern man to go white. Crumpling the message in his hand Boremont casts a rueful glance at the screeching babe. Regaining his composure he steps forward, interrupting the King as he urgently whispers in his ear.

Fabious watches this exchange closely.

YE OLDE NARRATOR
...But as often with the fates,
they took as well...

The King's eyes brim with tears as another page is turned...

EXT. THE ROYAL GRAVEYARD - DAY

The Queen's funeral is a somber affair. Young Fabious stands over her grave singing in his incredible angelic voice.

The King holds Thadeous, who's crying hasn't stopped for a second, and looks down upon him with a faint smile.

KING TALLIOUS
Oh my son, do not cry, for the gods-

Thadeous shits his royal diaper, then giggles.

INT. THE ROYAL NURSERY - DAY

Fabious has taken over for his late mother, it would seem, as he steadies Thadeous, almost 3 and a half years old now, and, somehow, still unable to walk.

The King once again beckons for his child, smiling wide, but obviously a little over the whole thing.

Fabious tentatively lets go. Then, on his own, Thadeous takes a step. Fabious and the King look to each other overjoyed.

YE OLD NARRATOR
Prince Thadeous advanced quite
differently than Prince Fabious...

Thadeous suddenly face plants painfully onto the floor.

INT. THE ROYAL CHESS ROOM - NIGHT

Thadeous marches down the line of ELDERLY SCHOLARS, pausing at each table to flip each of the CHESS BOARDS into the air.

Fabious dutifully follows, apologizing for Thad's antics as his sadistic laughing echoes as the page is turned...

INT. THE ROYAL ARCHERY FIELD - DAY

An arrow slams true into the bullseye.

YE OLD NARRATOR
The many strengths and abilities that Fabious possessed were just not present in poor Thadeous.

A gold medal is awarded to the previous silver medal winner, the fey Elf. Below him two more Elves adorn the silver and bronze, and all bow to each other and then lean in for the ol' Elvish 'congrats'. THWICK!!!!!

1ST PLACE ELF
AAAAAAYIIIIIIIIIEEEEEEEEEEE!!!!!!!!!

The ELF screams in pain, shot by an ARROW, right in the back. Thadeous, now 5, breaks his bow over his knee and throws one mother of a tantrum!

EXT. MOUTH OF THE DRAGON'S LAIR - DAY

Considerably less smoke this time around and barely a spark is seen as a small crowd waits quietly, hardly paying attention.

FABIOUS
What is that? Does thou hear?

King Tallious and Boremont cock their heads listening, as does the crowd. What sounds like a high pitched whistle at first quickly becomes the blood curdling shriek of Thadeous, scared shitless and running out of the cave. Hot on his heels is a BABY DRAGON barely the size of a kitten!

YE OLD NARRATOR
It would appear that Thadeous had not even an ounce of courage.

Two Villagers share a laugh at Thadeous as he hides behind his dad and cries.

Fabious eyes them both and they immediately stop.

YE OLD NARRATOR (CONT'D)
But no one in the kingdom ever dared to point this out of course.

INT. THE ROYAL GREAT HALL - NIGHT

There's a huge birthday party for Thadeous. He's now about ten, fat, and mean looking.

YE OLD NARRATOR
For King Tallious and Brave Prince Fabious loved Thadeous with all their hearts despite any of his shortcomings.

Thadeous orders the GUARDS to smash Cake in the face of PEASANTS. He laughs hysterically...almost choking.

Fabious offers Thadeous some water. Thadeous pushes the glass away and swigs on a giant mug of MEAD instead.

Tallious looks to his two sons and then to the empty seat at which his Queen had sat.

YE OLD NARRATOR (CONT'D)
But there where moments when the King did wonder what the fates had in mind for his dear son Thadeous.

Drunk ten year old Thadeous rips his pants down and pisses all over his giant birthday cake. The crowd of nobles are disgusted. Thadeous flicks them off then passes out face first into his cake.

YE OLD NARRATOR (CONT'D)
Because I mean really, what in the fuck?

The pages begin to speed by like a FLIP BOOK, Thadeous aging more and more with every turn until finally...

TITLE CARD: **Y O U R H I G H N E S S**

CUT TO:

CLOSE UP: THADEOUS PRESENT DAY, BUCKING WILDLY, PANTING OVER THE SHOULDER OF A WOMAN AND SCREAMING.

THADEOUS
Faster you beast! Faster!

EXT. THE ROYAL COURTYARD - DAY

The COURTYARD is now converted into a MEDIEVAL DIRT TRACK filled with ROWDY DRUNKS, SLUTS, TROLLS, GOBLINS and OTHER LOWLIFES, all cheering as RIDER'S speed past atop GALLOPING GOAT WOMEN.

Thadeous is one of them, clutching his STEED'S BREASTS, He fights for the lead!

THADEOUS
Alright, you sack of shit. Let's run these peasants into the ground.

GOATWOMAN (NEIGHING)
What the hell did you call me?!

THADEOUS
Sorry! Got carried away! Just win!

Elsewhere, in the crowd... Dainty and pale, a ROYAL SERVANT wrestles through the OFFENSIVE CROWD! Meet COURTNEY, 23.

COURTNEY (LISPING SLIGHTLY)
Pardon me. Royal Business. Eww...

A DRUNK WIZARD burps, emitting a GREEN CLOUD that morphs into a BIG ASS and farts right in Courtney's appalled face, sending him squealing away, crashing into FOLK, and spilling MEAD until finally stopped by a MINOTAUR guarding a VELVET ROPE.

MINOTAUR
Sorry, VIP's only my lady!

The GIANT MINOTAUR rolls his eyes, recognizing Courtney who is already unrolling a scroll while assuming a SNOBBY POSTURE.

COURTNEY (BOASTING)
By Order of the Royal Advisors, I, Courtney Favory, Chief Squire to Prince Thadeous, have been sent to-

A JET STREAM OF FLAME fires from the Minotaur and completely disintegrates the SCROLL.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
Just let me pass.

BACK ON THE TRACK... It's a real barn burner with Thadeous bobbing and weaving his way to the front of the pack. His form may be sloppy but he's definitely got skill, if not cunning...

THADEOUS
They call this the pixie dust pulverizer!

He blows sparkling dust from his palm into a competing GOBLIN's eyes, then knocks him off his goat woman with a MEAN ELBOW and takes the lead!

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
VICTORY IS MINE- What the blazes?!

Just as Thad reaches the finish line another RIDER, a YOUNG AND HANDSOME ELF, scorches past, stealing the VICTORY!

ELF
By the fates, I have won!

But the ELF receives no praise, the CROWD FALLEN SILENT as a smoldering Thadeous dismounts his heaving GOAT WOMAN and approaches the CHEERING ELF. Everyone watches, tense.

HAPPY ELF
Can you believe it?! My first race!

THADEOUS
No, I can't.

With a SNAP of his fingers TWO ROYAL GUARDS throw a sack over the Elf's head and drag him away, beating him as they go. The Crowd looks to Thadeous. He raises his fist in victory.

COURTNEY
ALL HAIL THE VICTOR! KING THADEOUS!

They give a HALF-ASSED CHEER as Thadeous sees Courtney.

INT. THE ROYAL HALLWAY - DAY

Thadeous DRUNKENLY MARCHES as ROYAL MAIDS change his clothes.

THADEOUS
So he made it back alive, huh?

COURTNEY
Yes, your highness...and he's returned with the amulet.

Thadeous stops short, alarmed.

THADEOUS
Which amulet? *The* amulet?

Courtney excitedly nods.

COURTNEY
Isn't it wonderful! With the amulet's power your father's curse will be lifted. Fabious has saved the kingdom! Tallious reigns again!

THADEOUS
Great.

INT. THE ROYAL GREAT HALL - NIGHT

The KING'S ROYAL ADVISORS, all a bunch of stuck up elderly men, wait impatiently, constantly checking the enormous HOURGLASS across the room.

ROYAL ADVISOR #1 (WHISPERING)
I say. We should just go on with out him.

The rest of the Advisors nod in agreement. Suddenly the GREAT DOORS at the end of the hall swing open, and in prances Courtney, already unrolling yet another scroll.

COURTNEY
ALL RISE! NOW, GENTLEMEN, I GIVE YOU, ahem, um...

THADEOUS (O.S.)
Say it queerbait.

COURTNEY
HIS ROYAL COCKMASTER AND, um-

THADEOUS (O.S.)
Keep going!

COURTNEY
SLAYER OF POLLYS MOST TENDER, PRINCE THADEOUS!

Thadeous comes stumbling in, drunkenly hiccuping and holding his arms out like some sort of celebrity. He gives a curt nod to a band of musicians in the corner, who begin playing some BAROQUE PORN MUSIC.

The Advisors reluctantly clap. Thadeous nods in agreement, winking at several CHAMBER MAIDENS.

The ROYAL DOORS swing open again. Courtney clasps his hands to his heart, fixated on DREWRY, who looks like an older, more confident, gayer version of Courtney himself.

Drewry deftly unspools a scroll and clears his throat, all to Courtney's thrill.

DREWRY
ALL RISE! BEHOLD! HIS HONORABLE MAJESTY, KING TALLIOUS!

Drewry's voice booms as the ROYAL BAND kicks into an epic song, and in enters the King...well kind of.

The King is currently stone. As in Granite. He is frozen with a brave look upon his face. Whatever horror the King faced to be turned into this, he faced it with honor.

The Advisors all bow to their Stone King as he's wheeled by. Thad blows the Statue a kiss.

Then the ROYAL DOORS swing open. AGAIN.

JULIE, a man, now prances in to the utter glee of both Courtney and Drewry. The two look to each other and pat their little hearts in excitement.

In fact, everyone, from the King to the Advisors, have suddenly lit up with joy.

THADEOUS (TO HIMSELF)
Son of a skidrift-

Everyone begins to stand, again.

Thadeous rolls his eyes and absently takes one of the Advisor's goblets and starts chugging.

JULIE
Gentlemen please, remain seated. You of all in this great Kingdom deserve whatever rest and comfort can be afforded. I have only come here to herald the news, and might I add with blossoming personal joy-

Drewry nods.

DREWRY (WHISPERING)
He's good.

COURTNEY (WHISPERING)
Simply divine.

JULIE
THE RETURN OF PRINCE FABIOUS!

Everyone jumps to their feet applauding and the band kicks into a QUEENesque epic!

And suddenly PRINCE FABIOUS comes into the Hall riding on a Large White Steed. Behind him also riding on horses inside the Castle is a group of finely armored BAD ASS KNIGHTS.

Fabious springs from his horse, vaulting into the air and landing with perfect poise in a one knee bow before Tallious' stone feet.

Fabious sees his brother and positively goes ecstatic with happiness. He rises, rushing over to him.

FABIOUS
BROTHER!!! OH HOW I'VE COUNTED THE DAYS UNTIL WE WOULD BE UNITED!

Thadeous back peddles but Fabious is upon him instantly, kissing both his cheeks and hugging him with utter disregard for personal space or homo-phobia.

FABIOUS (CONT'D)
I missed you so brother...

Tears now stream down the Prince's face.

THADEOUS
Alright, cool, yeah, okay-

BOREMONT steps down from his STEED along with the rest of the KNIGHTS. MAIDS with buckets quickly clean up the horse shit that keeps falling on the marble floors.

BOREMONT
So we return, Thadeous. From yet another quest that you have chose to sit out on. I hope you enjoyed your time here at home with the women and children.

THADEOUS
I did enjoy it very much, Boremont, thank you. And if that was suppose to be a dig, it failed.

Fabious smiles proudly, still holding Thad with one arm, unrelenting even as Thad tries to slide free.

FABIOUS
Dear brother, I have done it. Thank you for taking care of the kingdom in my absence. I was able to fight easy knowing that you were watching over our sacred land. You are just as much a part of this victory as any of us. Hold my hand, dear brother.

Fabious takes hold of Thadeous' hand, squeezing it tight as he dramatically turns toward the king.

FABIOUS (CONT'D)
Dear Father, My men and I have braved the Fang Whores of Chlamydia, the Molten Lairs of South Fork, and the Ogre Tribes of the Heedmont, all to find the amulet. The only thing capable of reversing this evil curse. Behold, father, the sacred amulet. Today I bring you FREEDOM!!!!

Fabious holds the amulet high above his head...rays of sunlight catch the beautiful artifact. It begins to glow brighter and brighter...the rays reflect and SHOOT ONTO the STONE KING!

The ADVISORS and SERVANTS are frozen in anticipation, all eyes on the King as small glowing cracks begin to travel over his stone body.

Fabious squeezes Thadeous' hand tight as their father's stone shell finally SHATTERS and crumbles to the ground with a POP. When the dust settles, the King stands before them.

Everyone bursts into cheers!!! Tears roll down Fabious' cheeks. He kisses Thadeous on the lips. Thadeous pulls away disgusted.

The King sees his boys and he smiles.

KING TALLIOUS
My dear boys you have saved me.

INT. THE ROYAL INFIRMARY - DAY

The ROYAL PHYSICIAN is running a series of tests on The King. The King talks to his boys, Boremont, and Advisors through out the check up. Whether he's having his eyes checked, his pulse, or a finger up his asshole...he pays no mind.

KING TALLIOUS
I fear by the looks of the castle walls Invaders took advantage of my time entombed.

ROYAL ADVISORS
No, sir. The kingdom stayed safe from Invaders.

KING TALLIOUS
Then what has happened to the castle? It looks like a barbarian rape house in my chambers? What enemy of the kingdom has done this?

ROYAL ADVISORS
Uh, sir, Prince Thadeous was left in charge.

THADEOUS
Hey, it's been a long day. We don't need to go over all these silly details. Right now the King should rest. Right pops? Here, try some of this wine I had imported.

KING TALLIOUS
Imported? But we have the best vineyards in all the land?

THADEOUS
Yea, we did. There was a fire.

KING TALLIOUS
A fire?!

King Tallious looks to his Advisor.

THADEOUS
Amongst other things...

KING TALLIOUS
Show me the Kingdom!

CUT TO:

EXT. THE ROYAL KINGDOM - DAY

The entire Kingdom looks like the morning after Mardi Gras. The place is trashed from what looks like one hell of a raging party.

Derelicts and Whores are everywhere, they mill around an ENORMOUS STATUE OF THADEOUS still being constructed. A giant shit eating grin on his huge granite face.

INT. THE ROYAL QUARTERS OF THADEOUS - NIGHT

King Tallious is red with anger. Courtney and the Advisors are scared, knowing this day would come.

KING TALLIOUS
You have left our fields barren, our live stock half dead, the royal guards are hung over and puking, even our royal ballet is left drunk and passed out!

The members of the Royal Ballet snore in the corner.

THADEOUS
Father, they party the most.

KING TALLIOUS
I have always taken a light hand when it comes to punishing you because of the loss we shared together. I fear I have failed you, dear boy. I was soft where I should have been hard.

THADEOUS
I think Fabious has the same problem.

KING TALLIOUS
Enough! Your brother went on a treacherous quest, putting his life on the line, and in doing so saved mine.

THADEOUS
Yea, well, I was just as much a part of that victory as well.

KING TALLIOUS
Think what you like, Thadeous, but I believe you are smarter than that. This was Fabious' fifteenth quest. Fifteenth! And how many quests have you been on, Thadeous?

THADEOUS
Uh, well -- Courtney, how many quests have I been on?

We see that Courtney and Drewery are both kneeling beside their masters.

COURTNEY
I believe the answer is none, sir. You have never been on a quest.

THADEOUS
Yes, I have. What about that one thing with whose-it-face?

Courtney shakes his head.

THADEOUS(CONT'D)
Okay, so big deal. I've never been on a quest.

KING TALLIOUS
I should have made you go on a quest long ago. Like my father did for me and like I did for Fabious.
(MORE)

KING TALLIOUS (CONT'D)
I thought in time you would want to go on a quest...but you have never stepped forward.

THADEOUS
Yea, well, I'm busy. I--

CUT TO:

EXT. THE HIGH PLAINS - DAY BREAK

The FLAGS of the Kingdom of Doobery are flown by RIDERS charging across the High Plains.

Behind the Riders THE ROYAL CARRIAGE pulled by the kingdom's best STEEDS.

EXT. THE CAVERN OF THE WHITE WIZARD - MORNING

A FAIRY zips out of the way as THE ROYAL CAVALCADE comes to a stop at the base of a beautiful waterfall.

Fabious, Tallious, and finally a hung over pouting Thadeous exit the carriage.

Courtney, Drewery, and Julie emerge as well. Each trying to keep up with their Masters who walk towards the falls.

TALLIOUS
If memory serves I do believe we simply walk through the falls. Thadeous, would you like to go first?

THADEOUS
Not especially.

Fabious steps forward and walks through the waterfall first.

INT. THE CAVERN OF THE WHITE WIZARD - MORNING

Fabious comes out from the waterfall without a drop of water on him. Thadeous, Tallious, and the Squires all come following after. Each dry.

They now stand in a dark chamber, barely illuminated by the light drifting in from the other side of the falls.

The air is smoky. Thadeous smells.

THADEOUS
Somebody is getting high up in here.

A flame flickers in the back corner of the room, lighting a long narrow pipe. The flickering flame reveals the face of THE GREAT WHITE WIZARD.

He hits the pipe and exhales a huge billow of smoke that slowly travels across the room, through the shaft of sunlight, it turns into a dragon, circling them, and then floats away.

Thadeous nods in approval. The Wizard's eyes are closed...he's so ancient looking you might even think him dead if he wasn't still hitting the pipe.

THE GREAT WHITE WIZARD
Is that you, Tallious?

TALLIOUS
Yes, great white wizard, tis I.

THE GREAT WHITE WIZARD
A long time it has been since last I saw you. What is it you seek from me?

TALLIOUS
I have brought my son here today to find a quest. He has never been on one and I do believe the time is now.

THE GREAT WHITE WIZARD
Never been on a quest?

The Great White Wizard snickers...as do some of the FLOATING FAIRIES.

INT. THE CAVERN OF THE WHITE WIZARD - LATER

The group stand before a large book, the same one from the opening.

THE GREAT WHITE WIZARD
Let us consult the Book of Quests.

The Great White Wizard moves his hand over the large book and the book magically opens on its own.

THE GREAT WHITE WIZARD (CONT'D)
A suitable quest for a man who has never been on a quest. Let's see what we have here. Ahh, here is something fitting. A princess who's been trapped in the north shire by a band of dwarves. Held prisoner in a high tower--

THADEOUS
Bruce and Beans, to that old man! I do not like heights. What else?

THE GREAT WHITE WIZARD
Ah, here's something involving a mythical beast. A wild unicorn who holds the key to unleashing---

THADEOUS
Something without animals. My sinuses...can't mess with the long hair creatures.

THE GREAT WHITE WIZARD
Very well, how about something with no hair. There's a dragon--

THADEOUS
No. Look, I'm just trying to find something perfect. You know...something super easy.

TALLIOUS
Easy? No quest worth taking is ever easy. Ask your brother?

FABIOUS
Tis true, No quest worth taking is easy, Thadeous.

Thadeous makes a fart sound. The Great White Wizard takes another toke then flips through the book again.

THE GREAT WHITE WIZARD
Ah, here's something that may work. The quest for a legendary weapon. The nature of the weapon is unknown but if mastered it's power is limitless. It's guarded by a spider creature.

THADEOUS
Nah-

TALLIOUS
We shall look no further. You shall lead the best Knights in the entire kingdom and they will help you recover this legendary weapon. Both of my sons wielding a mythical weapon. What's the weapon called?

They all look to The Great White Wizard...he takes a huge hit and then dramatically begins to speak as the smoke floats around him...

THE GREAT WHITE WIZARD
Tis called...The Hoop of Doom.

INT. THE ROYAL QUARTERS OF THADEOUS - NIGHT

Thadeous looks out his window. He's crying and looking into the night sky.

THADEOUS
I don't know why I even speak to you. You've never shone yourself to me or helped me...ever, but I'm desperate, so here goes...Fairy Godmother, if you are out there, please come to me now. Take me away from here so I won't have to go on this--

FABIOUS
With whom do you speak, my brother?

Thadeous spins around quickly, wiping his eyes dry. In the doorway stand, Fabious.

FABIOUS (CONT'D)
Are you crying?

THADEOUS
No, I'm not crying!

FABIOUS
I hope you are not cross with father. All he wants for you is to grow up, and be a man. Most men your age have been on these quest's seven by your day. Do you recall, brother, that time you snuck into the chambermaid's quarters, and you-

THADEOUS
Yes, yes, I hid under the bed and watched them disrobe.

FABIOUS (LAUGHING)
You sketched the entire scene for me the next day. Nipple by glorious nipple! What about the day you convinced John Merryfowl that the sky was made of bacon, and you--

THADEOUS
Got the dumb lard to eat his own pig right from his barn.

FABIOUS
Yes brother! Twas the best bacon I have ever tasted!

THADEOUS
big deal, what's the point of all this Fabious? I'm through. I'm not cut out for any quest, and you know it.

FABIOUS
Thadeous, your cunning is sharper more so than the likes I have ever seen. You just don't know how to harness it. Think of what you could do if you did? Every prince needs a mythical weapon. How do you think I obtained Lorrithimore here?

Fabious proudly holds up his glorious double blade, LORRITHIMORE, that shines and twinkles and reflects ages. Fabious SWINGS Lorrithimore through the air, spinning it around, circling it and making its weight sing!

THADEOUS
So did you just come in here to show off?

Thadeous rolls his eyes. He picks up a goblet and slugs a large gulp.

Fabious brings the tip of the blade speeding to the ground between them...hitting the stones beneath them with earth shattering accuracy.

The tip sends a crack zigzagging up the floor, up to Thadeous' feet, which cause his legs to vibrate, then his pelvis, his chest, through his arm holding the goblet, till:

The goblet SHATTERS, spraying wine all over Thadeous.

FABIOUS
Now imagine what you could do with *your* mythical weapon brother?!

THADEOUS
You puckery puss swoggler, I just got these pantaloons cleaned!

EXT. THE ROYAL COURTYARD - DAY

The VILLAGERS have all gathered. Finally the Royal Doors swing open. Courtney marches in.

COURTNEY
HERE YE ALL! RISE AND GREET...

Courtney takes a deep breath.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
THE MOST AMAZING, MOST HANDSOME, MOST SMART, MOST RICHEST, MOST FAMOUS, MOST LARGEST OF LOIN RULER THIS LAND OR ANY OTHER, INCLUDING THE MERPEOPLE IN THE SEAS AND THE BIRDBRETHREN IN THE SKIES, WE PRESENT, YOUR HIGHNESS, LEADER OF THE GREAT QUEST TO FIND THE MYTHICAL HOOP OF DOOM, MONEY MAKER, HEARTBREAKER...

Courtney once again takes pause, catching his breath.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
PRINCE THADEOUS!

The Royal Band kicks a baroque version of "YOU CAN'T TOUCH THIS." Thadeous emerges dancing! He's in a tight leather adventurer's get up. Looking like a medieval rock star.

He finishes his choreographed entrance dance then does a cocky little bow. His eyes finally looking to the crowd, who stare back in shock.

Thad looks to Courtney who leans in close.

THADEOUS
Why the hell aren't they clapping?!

But just then, the crowd bursts into THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE!!!!

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
About time, unappreciative-

Thad stops short, realizing that the crowd is no longer looking at him but instead beyond him. Thadeous turns to look.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Oh, give me a break!

Seated high upon his white steed, Fabious, wind sweeping his luxurious perfect hair.

LITTLE BOYS race along beside him, YOUNG MAIDENS loosen their confining bodices as their perky young breasts heave with desire! The people love him!

Courtney is about to clap until he looks at Thadeous, whose face has gone an alarming shade of red and whose teeth are viciously grinding.

He hops off his horse and kisses Thadeous on the cheek. The crowd is still going nuts. Fabious turns to his adoring fans and motions for them to quiet down.

Fabious grabs his brother tight and hugs him hard. The crowd eats it up.

VILLAGER (O.S.)
FABIOUS SHOULD LEAD THE QUEST!!!!!

ROAR!!!!! The crowd erupts in agreement, the cheers quickly becoming a rousing chant.

VILLAGERS
FABIOUS! FABIOUS! FABIOUS!

Thadeous rolls his eyes.

HUGE THOUSAND FOOT HORNS on all sides of the kingdom are blown by TINY MEN, and ring out a low TONE that quiets the screaming crowd to a simmer.

Just then a parade of THE ELITE ROYAL KNIGHTS enters on horseback, all ruggedly handsome and all receiving Beatlemania type fanfare. In the middle of them rides...The King.

Everyone goes to their knees respectively as he passes.

TALLIOUS
Thank you good people! Thank you! Today marks a great day for the kingdom. For today my youngest son will embark on a journey that will change his life. He will return to you his people a champion. A wielder of a mythical weapon just like his brother and just like I.

At that moment, Tallious and Fabious both draw their BIG ASS MYTHICAL GLOWING SWORDS out and touch tips.

Thad groans.

TALLIOUS (CONT'D)
He will ride with the finest Knights this land has ever seen!

All THE ROYAL ELITE KNIGHTS salute Thadeous who's adjusting his dick in his leather suit.

TALLIOUS (CONT'D)
And I am sending my most trusted ally, Sir Boremont.

Tallious turns to Boremont.

TALLIOUS (CONT'D)
Sir Boremont, The Kingdom rests the safety of The Prince in your hands. Do you accept this responsibility, dear friend?

BOREMONT
Of course, your majesty. The boy will return safe and sound. I give you my word.

TALLIOUS
Thadeous I know in my heart that you will return and bring honor to our kingdom. And if he doesn't he will never be allowed in this kingdom again!

The CROWD erupts into cheers again!

TALLIOUS (CONT'D)
Dear Son, LET YOUR GREAT QUEST BEGIN!!!

All the Knights mount up and the crowd clears a path for them leading right to the huge castle doors which slowly open into the world beyond...

EXT. THE ROYAL ROAD INTO THE WILDS - DAY

And so begins <u>THE QUEST FOR THE HOOP OF DOOM!</u> The huge CARAVAN is a bloated and slow moving ordeal, mostly due to the MASSIVE and CUMBERSOME, ORNATE CARRIAGE of Thadeous.

INT. THE ROYAL CARRIAGE - DAY.

Thadeous reclines upon a COMFY TIGER/BEAR PELT in LUXURIOUS SILKEN ROBES as Courtney strums a SATYR HARP and SINGS.

THADEOUS
Oh decisions, decisions. Shall I partake of grape? Cheese? Both-

Suddenly the entire Carriage shakes, spilling Thad's WINE.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Bruce and Beans! What incompetence! Summon the head knight! Tis ridiculous!

EXT. THE TREACHEROUS ROAD BENEATH THE GREAT VOLCANO - DAY

Hearing Thadeous' whining Boremont shakes his head, watching as THAD'S CARRIAGE is carried on DOZENS OF KNIGHTS' SHOULDERS as they PRECARIOUSLY cross a LAVA RIVER upon STEPPING STONES.

THADEOUS (O.S.)
And tell him I am hot!

KNIGHT
Ho. Someone is approaching.

Galloping towards them several horses. It becomes plain that their RIDERS have been through hell. Bloody and torn, barely alive, burned.

BOREMONT
From what kingdom are you?

BURNED KNIGHT
We come from the Northlands Shire. Stay clear. The land burns with the dead.

THADEOUS
Sir Tate? Is that you?

One of the particularly fucked up looking RIDERS looks up.

SIR TATE
Thadeous?

THADEOUS
Eww, what has happened to you?

SIR TATE
Beware, Thadeous. We were on a quest in the north and were laid ruin in the forest of Hanover. Ambushed by a group of ruthless warlocks that ride upon fang boars.

THADEOUS
Fang boars? You said nothing of Fang boars! You know how I hate fang boars!!

BOREMONT
I have heard nothing of fang boars. Calm yourself, Thadeous.

SIR TATE
I saw men ripped in two, begging to be killed. The land is changing. A new order is rising. Can I have some of your water.

THADEOUS
Courtney, give your water to Sir Tate.

Courtney nods and gives him his water.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Well I don't think our quest is going to be like that. We're just going to get some mythical weapon. Father is pretty much making me do it or he's going cut off my gold allowance. Some trollslag.

Everyone looks at Thadeous who yawns.

SIR TATE
Be careful, Thadeous. What good is gold if you're dead. The road ahead is treacherous!

Tate coughs up blood and then dies. The other Burnt Up Riders go to their fallen Prince's side.

THADEOUS
Did he die?

One of the Burnt Knights looks up, tears in his eyes.

BURNT KNIGHT
Yes, sir, he has passed. Prince Tate, The Great Sodomizer has passed.

THADEOUS
He's dead for real?

The Burnt Knight shakes his head, choked up.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Gross, that's disgusting. Let's move out!

They march on.

EXT. THE DARK LAIR OF THE SPIDERWORM - DAY

The PARTY stands outside of the large cave entrance. Thick Spiderwebs covering the dark gap.

BOREMONT
We have arrived at Spiderworm's cave. The Legendary weapon awaits inside. Should we proceed, your Highness?

Thadeous leans in to Courtney's ear and whispers as the rest of the Knights wait for his response.

THADEOUS
(WHISPERING)
Uh, I'm not going in there. I'm staying out here, explain it to them in a way that doesn't make me look like a flat cock.

COURTNEY
(WHISPERING)
Sir, you will not accompany the men into the lair?

THADEOUS
(WHISPERING)
They are all looking at us...just do what I say and don't be an idiot?

BOREMONT
Shall we proceed with the Quest, your Highness?

COURTNEY
Gentlemen, the Royal Prince thinks it best if he stays outside in the carriage waiting for the lair to be cleared safely.

From in the carriage, Thadeous whispers out more for Courtney to say.

THADEOUS
(WHISPERING)
Tell them I'm not a flat cock.

COURTNEY
The royal prince wishes you all to know that he is not a flat cock.

The Knights turn toward the cave entrance. Boremont looks back to the carriage...a thick plum of smoke billows out...Thadeous is hitting the pipe. Boremont shakes his head, disappointed.

BOREMONT
Alright then, We shall clear out the lair!

The Knights blast into the cave with lightening fast speed while Thadeous yawns and turns to his carriage.

THADEOUS
Tis a tiring thing, Questing.

INT. THE ROYAL CARRIAGE - DAY

Thadeous is smoking weed and trimming his pubic hairs.

KNIGHT (O.S.)
Your Highness.

Thadeous drops the joint which falls cherry first upon his Bruce, yelping with shock and quickly patting it out.

THADEOUS
Gods damn thee!

Thadeous angrily opens the door.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
This had better be worth a week's stay in the Brig of Bromm!

KNIGHT
We have cleared the lair and subdued the beast.

THADEOUS
Subdued the beast?

KNIGHT
Yes. So you can kill it. The weapon can only be used by he who kills the beast.

THADEOUS
Oh, godsdammit!

INT. THE DARK LAIR OF THE SPIDER WORM - DAY

Thadeous is having a tough go of it, stumbling over several dead or dying Knights as well as getting stuck in the extremely sticky webs of the Beast.

THADEOUS
Would it have been too much to ask to have cleared a path?

Several Knights help Thadeous along his way, the cave finally opening into a great CAVERN filled with more webbing. Hanging grimly within those webs are even more of Doobery's best.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Ewww...

Thadeous cringes upon seeing the SPIDERWORM (which looks exactly like it sounds) writhing on the cavern floor, pinned down by several Knights who strain against its strength.

COURTNEY
Thadeous the Great has-

BOREMONT
Oh shut it! Here Thadeous! To me!

Boremont stands close to the SPIDERWORM'S MID-SECTION, his outstretched arms offering a MASSIVE SWORD!

BOREMONT (CONT'D)
You may use my blade.

Taking it he stumbles, its hefty weight to much to bear.

BOREMONT (CONT'D)
We cannot hold the beast much longer! Strike here where this abomination is vulnerable!!!

Boremont motions to a DIAMOND SHAPED PATCH on the BELLY. Thadeous nods though he's looking pretty white.

BOREMONT (CONT'D)
DO IT!!! DO IT NOW!!!

Screaming in fear, Thadeous raises the SWORD and stabs, somehow completely missing the KILLSPOT, the beast instantly screaming in one of the most god awful and pathetic howls even these men have heard while a stream of the foulest smelling gunk sprays out of the wound, drenching Boremont and Courtney.

THADEOUS
I'm sorry! I'm sorry! It's just that, this sword, geez, heavy-

BOREMONT
Deep breaths Thadeous! Eye on the target! Clear your mind! Strike true!

Thadeous nods along waiting for another chance. STAB!

More shrieking! This is becoming outright cruelty as Thadeous stabs and misses again and again!

THADEOUS
Come on you ogre's tit!

EXT. THE DARK LAIR OF THE SPIDERWORM - EVENING

The cave is silent save for the echoing footsteps of those fortunate enough to live, though even that is questionable.

KNIGHT
That scream... That poor beast...

Despite victory the faces of the Knights are mortified.

OLDER KNIGHT
Aye, I fear it will haunt me to my very grave, rattling my bones with its sorrow and pain...

Thadeous practically skips past them, smiling at the completion of his Quest while Courtney drags his new sword.

THADEOUS
Let not another second pass! Let this mythical weapon be brought unto me! At once!

Thadeous is giddy with excitement as the HUGE CHEST is heaved and dropped to the ground in front of him. Courtney tries his damndest to keep an accurate scroll of the event.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Ahh, and to the Victor go the...

He kicks the chest open. Everyone looks inside: THE CHEST IS EMPTY.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
...spoils. What is this!?

Courtney and several of the Knights lean in to look while Thadeous kicks the dirt like a brat.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Bruce and Beans!

BOREMONT
How can this be? The White Wizard chose this Quest himself. The White Wizard-

THADEOUS
Is nothing more than a weed breathing, brain burned, shriveled old bruce!

A LIGHTNING BOLT cracks the sunny sky, causing Thadeous to cower behind Boremont.

COURTNEY
Does this mean that the Quest continues?

THADEOUS
Oh no! No, no, no-no, no! The Quest is over!

(MORE)

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
I didn't travel these many moons, brave the horrors of the Spiderworm's cave as well as best the beast, all at the considerable risk of my own life, only to find, 'What's this? Oh no! No Hoop of Doom!"

Boremont and his men watch as their Prince has a hissy. Courtney however is staring into the chest.

BOREMONT
Thadeous, your Quest was to acquire the Hoop of Doom...

Just as the words leave his mouth...the Hoop for a brief second appears in the chest. The men all reach for it but it disappears.

THADEOUS
Did you just see the Hoop Of Doom?

As he says it again..the hoop appears.

BOREMONT
Ahh, cunning. I believe the hoop is invisible. Only showing itself when its name is called.

THADEOUS
Hoop of Doom.

It appears again...then disappears seconds later.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Keep saying it.

The Knights and Courtney start repeating...

THEM
HOOP OF DOOM. HOOP OF DOOM. HOOP OF DOOM. HOOP OF DOOM...

The weapon reveals itself.

THADEOUS
What sort of troll shit is this?

It's no mighty sword. It's pretty much a hula hoop...made of metal. He picks it up and places it around his waist. They keep saying it...

THEM
HOOP OF DOOM. HOOP OF DOOM...

Thadeous begins trying to hula with it. As it starts going...it begins to make a strange humming sound.

Similar to that sound a crystal wine glass makes when rubbed around the rim.

It goes around twice and falls...the Knights all watch him.

The hula hoop just sits there on the ground, around Thad's ankles..yet they continue to say...

THEM (CONT'D)
HOOP OF DOOM. HOOP OF DO--

THADEOUS
Enough! You can stop saying it! It's fine if it's invisible. Stupid thing!

They all stop and the Hoop disappears once again.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Wait. Say it long enough till I can get it.

They start saying it again. It appears, Thadeous picks it up.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Well, as we can see. My father placed a challenge before me and I was easily able to accomplish it. We shall party thine asses off tonight and turn the quest home tomorrow!

EXT. THE STATUE GARDEN OF THE GIANTS - NIGHT

Reaching unbelievable heights, hundreds of stunning statues of giants stand within a massive valley. A tiny campfire blazes within this awesome vista.

Courtney stands before the fire reciting one of the many TALES OF THADEOUS. The Knights are stuck...forced to listen. Their boredom written all across their faces. Thadeous is stoned off his ass and drunk. Totally self absorbed.

COURTNEY
And then the noble prince, more handsome than any of the gods said unto the fire breathing witch- 'Perhaps I have just the thing to plug that flame hole."

Thadeous bursts out with laughter, coughing yet again as he rolls upon his back. The Knights give no reaction.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
Would your highness care for another tale of his royal exploits?

THADEOUS
Ask my men, if they wish to be entertained longer?

The Knights pretty much in unison stand up.

KNIGHTS
Time for bed. Goodnight.

They clear out in no time flat. Leaving Thadeous and Courtney alone. Thadeous gets it.

COURTNEY
Would you like me to sing or dance for you, sir?

Thadeous looks around...bored and bummed.

THADEOUS
This whole quest is such trolly swat. I travel for an entire DAY just to get a mythical hula hoop? My father has all the answers! And to think the man runs an entire kingdom!

COURTNEY
Well at least you return victorious. I will make sure the kingdom knows how brave you were when you slew that filthy spider beast.

Thadeous is wasted. He's bleary eyed and worked up.

THADEOUS
Whatever. I hate that spider bitch. I hate all these stupid boring knights. I hate questing. I hate trees. I hate camp fires. I have it so tough!! I just want to be ALONE!

Thadeous reaches down dramatically to scoop up the hoop of doom...we can tell by the look on his face he didn't get it. He tries, again, and again, until finally...

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Hoop of Doom godsdammit!

It shows itself and Thadeous snatches it up and stomps into the woods alone.

EXT. THE CROOKED PATH - NIGHT

An OLD MAN cloaked and hooded, hobbles slowly...

Up ahead torches burn bright...it's a guard post at the entrance of the camp...TWO KNIGHTS stand guard while everyone sleeps.

KNIGHT
Ho. Who approaches at this last hour?

OLD MAN
Just an old man taking a moonlight stroll through the forest.

KNIGHT
Find your path else where. The Statue Garden of The Giants is being used for Royal business this eve.

OLD MAN
Oh my. Royalty here in this dark wood? Whatever do we owe the pleasure.

KNIGHT
Tis none of your business, old man. Move along!

The Old Man steps closer...then in one swift motion rips off his cloak revealing his true identity! Decked out in a sequined wizard robe, a gold skull cap, and wearing some serious Siegfried and Roy Man-Make-Up tis...LEEZAR, the evil warlock!

KNIGHT (CONT'D)
Leezar!

The Knights reach for their swords but he is too fast.

LEEZAR
MOPHINDUS!

WHAM! A blast of GREEN LIGHTNING shoots from the tip of his staff, blasting both Knights high into the air above.

Leezar smiles and whistles...

At that instant the sound of BEATING WINGS and SQUEALING as SIX WINGED FANG BOARS land in the forest, each carrying a CLOAKED WARLOCK.

The two KNIGHTS that were shot into the air finally fall to the ground as the intruders move into the camp.

EXT. THE STATUE GARDEN OF THE GIANTS - NIGHT

Courtney is brushing his teeth with the aid of a small mirror. Behind him the rest of the camp is silent except for the sounds of snoring Knights.

As he spits out the toothpaste he looks into the mirror and sees the Hooded Warlocks and their beasts walking into the camp. He quickly ducks for cover...unnoticed.

INT. BOREMONT'S TENT. NIGHT

Boremont is sleeping soundly. Suddenly he wakes, instantly alert and ready.

Nothing seems out of the ordinary. Satisfied, Boremont begins to lower his head when a low rumble begins. Boremont looks to his weapons and armor which now shake noisily as the rumble grows and the ground begins to shake.

And then it stops.

BOREMONT(TO HIMSELF)
Tis nothing old warrior. Take your sleep...

SWOOSH!!! Suddenly the tent is ripped away with a gale force wind and Boremont finds himself directly in the center of a massive TORNADO!

Boremont's eyes go wide as he spots the Warlocks. The REST OF THE KNIGHTS wake as their tents are ripped into the heavens as well.

LEEZAR
Well, well if it isn't the Knights of Doobery. I believe the last time we met I turned your King to stone.

The Knights draw their swords.

BOREMONT
Ah, a deed that I will gladly repay thee.

Boremont unsheathes his sword. He quickly swings the sword back and forth, twirling it about his hand. He obviously knows his way around a sword. The Warlocks aim their staffs...a medieval Mexican stand off.

LEEZAR
And where might Fabious, be? Hiding in a tree ready to make the kill and be named the hero?

BOREMONT
Make your move Leezar so I might strike you down for good!

LEEZAR
This afternoon you and your men slain a creature.

Boremont and his men say nothing.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
What she was guarding belongs to me and I want it back. Now where is it?

BOREMONT
We will tell you foul beasts nothing! Men Attack!

The All Star Knight line Up breaks into action.

Leezar shrugs...and sends a huge fire ball right for them. They dive out of the way and the battle begins.

EXT. THE VERY CONVENIENT CLEARING IN THE FOREST - NIGHT

Thadeous is drunk and unaware of what is going on. He stands in the clearing trying to master the HOOP OF DOOM in the moonlight.

THADEOUS
Come on, you wench. Spin faster. Stupid weapon. What do you even do?

Just then Courtney comes scrambling into the clearing, out of breath and panicing.

COURTNEY
Your Highness, Your Highness!

Thadeous is cross-eyed hammered...he looks Courtney over and then spins the hoop one more time. He sucks at it.

THADEOUS
Can't you see I'm drunk training cause I'm sad?! I have NOTHING!

EXT. THE STATUE GARDEN OF THE GIANTS - NIGHT

All holy hell is being unleashed inside the statue garden. BOLTS OF MAGIC, flying everywhere. Large pieces of the Giant Statues crashing to the ground.

The Knights are no match for The Warlocks. Their magic tosses the men with little effort. The Winged Fang Boars snacking on the injured and dead.

Thadeous and Courtney duck down in the cover of trees a great distance from the battle, watching...

Just then Boremont is cornered by Leezar and TWO OTHER WARLOCKS. Their magic sends his heavy sword flying into the forest...it lands deep in the dirt mere inches from where Courtney and Thadeous are hiding.

They watch horrified, as the Warlocks close in on him.

LEEZAR
Where is it, Boremont?

Defenseless, Boremont stands strong.

BOREMONT
You toe-clawed, sandtart, I'll tell you nothing!

Leezar rolls his eyes and snaps his wrist sending a red lightning bolt from his staff right into Boremont's open mouth.

Boremont stumbles back a few steps. He grabs at his stomach...his eyes sick. He covers his mouth and then instantly his whole entire body begins to GROW HAIR: his wrists, his face, his fingers, his gut...it all becomes covered in thick dark hair.

In a panic Boremont RUNS, shaking and shrieking...his body transforming! He stumbles to the ground, then sprints into the forest on all fours...disappearing into the dense foliage.

Leezar and the other Warlocks walk about the destroyed camp, stepping over the Knights they've slain, laughing.

Thadeous and Courtney are terrified, hiding and holding each other tight.

Leezar scans the rest of the camp...nothing.

He whistles and his Fang Boar lands next to him. He hops on and together him and the rest of the Warlocks disappear into the night sky.

EXT. THE FOREST - MORNING

Thadeous and Courtney are dead asleep, still hiding, still holding each other.

Thadeous stirs in his slumber. A devilish smile creeping over his sleeping face. He pulls Courtney close to him and begins to nuzzle in his neck.

THADEOUS
Oh you fair maiden, are a skinny lass.

Courtney smiles, enjoying being held, and then he realizes--

COURTNEY
Master!

Thadeous wakes up and instantly realizes too. He quickly jumps up and smacks Courtney across the face.

THADEOUS
You foul beast, how dare you put yourself in my arms, and make me hold you tight, and talk to you like you're a woman with warm soft skin, and hair that smells of lilies and lilacs. How dare you!

COURTNEY
Uh, of course...I don't know what I was thinking.

THADEOUS
Oh FUCK!

COURTNEY
What?!

THADEOUS
I just remember what happened last night.

EXT. THE STATUE GARDEN OF THE GIANTS - MORNING

Thadeous and Courtney carefully make their way into the camp. The Statue Garden has been totally destroyed, the bodies of the Dead Knights are stacked on a funeral pyre.

THADEOUS
Someone has been here.

COURTNEY
My Lord. I know not what to say.

THADEOUS
The Warlock killed them all? This is impossible! These were Doobery's best Knights. We were to be looked after. This can't-- Someone, must fix this!

From behind them...

BOREMONT
What's there to fix? Leezar has bested us once again.

They turn around to find Boremont sitting on a fallen statue's head, pensive and serious...oh, and the effects of Leezar's curse fully visible in the daylight: He's been turned into a FULL FLEDGED MONKEY.

THADEOUS
Boremont?

COURTNEY
Sir, what has happened?

BOREMONT
He's killed the kingdom's best men and left me a freak. A cursed creature!

Boremont slams his fist into the statue's head and hops off. He's pissed...his little monkey butt waddling back and forth. Thadeous can't help it. He starts laughing.

THADEOUS
I'm sorry. I know this is not funny at all. It's just--

He can't control himself he starts laughing again.

BOREMONT
Yes, Prince, laugh. For certainly this is a laughing matter.

THADEOUS
I'm sure if I got turned into a monkey you'd laugh too.

BOREMONT
That you already are and I am not laughing.

THADEOUS
That is not nice. Besides, I thought you were suppose to be good at quests. This is my first one and even I didn't get turned into a monkey!

Boremont swallows hard. Courtney steps in.

COURTNEY
Perhaps we should continue this conversation somewhere else?
(MORE)

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
I would just imagine that if Leezar were to come back here we'd want to not be caught standing about. Plus the smell is becoming a little overwhelming.

BOREMONT
You're right Courtney, we must be smart. I made a promise to the King to protect Thadeous and it is my promise to keep no matter what condition I find myself.

Boremont tries to pick up his large sword. He's too small to handle it. He can barely lift it over his head.

He gives up and drops the sword. He's so angry he pounds on his chest and lets out a chimp scream. Thadeous and Courtney just watch him. He pulls it together and lights the funeral pyre.

BOREMONT (CONT'D)
Gather what you can. We must find our way home, and quickly.

EXT. THE ENCHANTED FOREST - DAY

The ENCHANTED FOREST is full of ENORMOUS TREES with strange FACE LIKE GNARLS. PIXIES fly, sprinkling their dust.

BOREMONT
We must be careful for this is an enchanted wood and not all its inhabitants are friendly.

Courtney collapses next to Boremont, utterly fatigued from lugging the Prince on his back. Thad seems completely fine.

THADEOUS
Then I hardly see the point in the constant rests of yours, Courtney.

Boremont gives Courtney a comforting pat, then springs off monkey style. Thadeous' eyes suddenly go wide.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
There Courtney! Take me there!

In a small clearing Thadeous points out a STRANGE BUSH that seems to be baring CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS for FRUIT!

Even Courtney is excited and he begins rushing over but suddenly Boremont, from out of nowhere, tackles them!

BOREMONT
No!

THADEOUS
What the hell, monkey?!

Boremont says nothing, instead picking up a nearby ROCK and tossing into the DRUMSTICK BUSH'S clearing! It immediately begins to sink, the DECEPTIVE GROUND actually QUICKSAND!

Courtney sighs with relief. Thad still looks hungry.

BOREMONT
As I said, be careful.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE ENCHANTED FOREST - MOMENTS LATER.

Thadeous, Courtney and Boremont are neck deep in quicksand.

BOREMONT
Just couldn't help yourself!

THADEOUS
Hey! Courtney's the one who walked me into it-

BOREMONT
Of his own accord I'm sure.

THADEOUS
This isn't the time to lay blame! Quickly Boremont, save us!

But Boremont is too mired, struggle as he might.

BOREMONT
I am truly sorry my lord, I fear I have failed you... I cannot-

Suddenly, from the DENSE WOOD around them.

DEEP VOICE
Did my eyes not tell me other I would swear I heard the voice of that old cur, Boremont!

Our Heroes are up to their chins now, eyes desperate!

BOREMONT
Well looks like someone will finally be able to repay that life debt? Lucky you... Erosteroast!

Out of the brush step a GROUP OF THE MANLIEST MEN Thadeous has ever seen. Waist length beards, matted with blood from the scalps and trophies of battles won that adorn their filthy wardrobes of PELT and TOOTH and CLAW! VIKINGS!!!

EROSTEROAST
BULLSHIT! I do believe it is you that owe I the life debt, or did whatever spell you used to improve your looks also take thy memory?

Courtney has now been completely swallowed and Thadeous is next!

THADEOUS
Who gives a shit? Just help us out of the damn swamp you mongrel rump raiders!? Jeez!?

Erosteroast raises an eyebrow to his old friend Boremont.

BOREMONT
Perhaps leaving me would be just as good.

EXT. THE VIKING CAMP - NIGHT

Night has fallen over the Enchanted Forest and the VIKINGS are doing it up. A fire raging and much merriment!

TWO VIKINGS drink big mugs of goat's piss together.

VIKING 2
How about a she-goblin? Thoust knows you've never been with a-

VIKING 3 answers with a sly wink.

VIKING 2 (CONT'D)
HO-HO! You dirty orc! A banshee, a were-woman, a she-goblin...

VIKING 3
What can thy say? Never had a fairy though. Quite a chaste breed they are.

VIKING 2
Here's your chance.

The two Vikings chuckle as Courtney prances past them. He joins Thadeous, Boremont, and the rest of the camp.

EROSTEROAST
And you say you are brother to Prince Fabious the Great? Why I didn't even know the Prince had a brother.

THADEOUS
Yeah, well I'm more underground. You know? I'm dungeon cool about my quest's, I don't go showboating like my arrogant brother. In fact, our quest for the Hoop of Doom...

It appears.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Has been going quite well. Got Leezar after us and everything. Right Boremont?

BOREMONT
He did acquire the hoop.

EROSTEROAST
Right. A Hoop. Well then, LET US RAISE OUR GLASSES AS ONE! LONG LIVE THE HONOR BOUND! DEATH AND DISEASE TO THE LEEZAR!

Even Courtney joins in the revelry, to Thadeous' surprise.

BOREMONT
Tell me Erosteroast, how far to Doobery?

EROSTEROAST
Doobery? Is that all? Well, my furry friend, the southern borders of Doobery tis but a single day and nights journey from Troll Mountain which itself tis only a days journey from here...

THADEOUS
Well, it's been nice. Thanks for saving us. Courtney, let's go.

EROSTEROAST
A single days journey... by boat!

Thadeous curses to himself.

BOREMONT
Surely the Great Erosteroast can find it within his noble spirit to perhaps give us a lift, for everyone knows, no good Viking goes anywhere without a ship.

EROSTEROAST
If only we could. Alas, but we are on a Quest of the highest importance ourselves. Were there a way, I-

THADEOUS
Blah-blah-blah-bullshit!

Thadeous, throwing a huge hissy, storms off into the forest.

COURTNEY
Your highness!

THADEOUS
I want to be alone!

The Vikings look to each other.

EXT. THE ENCHANTED FOREST - NIGHT

Thadeous, bottle in one hand, splif in the other, stumbles along a gorgeous moonlit path.

THADEOUS
Stupid quest. Infernal monkey. SELFISH VIKINGS!

Thadeous looks to the moon.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Shitty moon!

And then Thadeous begins to sing.

INSERT MUSICAL NUMBER ABOUT THE SHITTY MOON - The forest sings along, tree people, pixies, all joining in until a brilliant light shines down upon him Thadeous!

FAIRY GODMOTHER
My son...

THADEOUS
Who, I ask, are you?

FAIRY GODMOTHER
My son, I am your Fairy Godmother.

Thadeous falls to his knees.

THADEOUS
I thought you'd never come.

FAIRY GODMOTHER
My poor, little one, there, there.

She pulls him close, resting his head upon her ample bosom. Thadeous' eyes go wide as he stares down into the cleavage.

THADEOUS
Oh Fairy Godmother... I have no friends, I've fallen pray to beasts and bandits, so far from my home, How I've yearned for you to come to me. Thoust is so lonely.

FAIRY GODMOTHER
Tis normal for a Prince to feel alone... But you have friends...

THADEOUS
I do?

FAIRY GODMOTHER
Yes, you just don't know it yet, Alexander, you must--

Thadeous sits up.

THADEOUS
Alexander? Who's that?

FAIRY GODMOTHER
My son, that is you.

THADEOUS
I'm not Alexander. I'm Thadeous, Fairy Godmother, Thadeous.

FAIRY GODMOTHER
Oh Dear.

She quickly gathers up her fairy dust and packs up.

THADEOUS
Where are you going--

FAIRY GODMOTHER
I'm so sorry, this is the wrong quest. I'm looking for the quest to destroy the lava beast in the southern hemisphere.

THADEOUS
This is the Hoop of Doom quest.

FAIRY GODMOTHER
Sorry to bother you. Enjoy the rest of your quest. Best of luck...

THADEOUS
Wait, but surely, you can be my fairy godmother, just for a moment! All I need is a ship to take me-!

She disappears in a QUEEFY PUFF of glowing lights.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Fairy Godmother? Fairy Godmother? You gotta be fucking kidding me.

Thadeous is left alone in the dark woods, the echoing shouts of the DRUNKEN VIKINGS the only sounds. An evil but familiar look overcomes the Prince of Doobery!

EXT. THE VIKING'S CAMP - LATER

Tis late and Erosteroast and his fellow Vikings are still up and rowdy. Thadeous has collected himself and steps from the forest back into the camp.

THADEOUS
I don't suppose any of you men would be up for a friendly game of Lickery Sniss? I doubt any of you would be very good at the game so if you would prefer to not engage me in a challenge--

Erosteroast looks Thadeous square in the eyes, and calls out:

EROSTEROAST
BRING ME MY FINEST JUG OF GOBLIN'S PISS.

THADEOUS
Courtney, you heard the lady, pour us some rotgut, gather our coin, and keep tally with an eagle's eye, for there's a man's game afoot tonight!

CUT TO:

THE GAME OF LICKERY SNISS:

A medieval form of 'Asshole', we catch different glimpses, as the entire night of playing is cut down to half a minute:

THADEOUS IS WEARING Erosteroast's Viking helmet pretending to be a gay version of him, causing howls of laughter!

COURTNEY CHUGS, while all else chant: "DRINK! DRINK! DRINK!"

BOREMONT IS BLINDFOLDED, and being spun around by two of the Vikings. Courtney giggles...

EROSTEROAST crawls about like a she-beast in heat.

EVERYONE TIPS THEIR mugs back, doing the waterfall.

EVERYONE PUTS THEIR thumb on the ground, except for Thadeous, who's last to catch on, he has to drink.

SPEED ROUND with shots. Then a shanty is sung by all.

COURTNEY AND BOREMONT are passed out, Thadeous makes the Vikings roll over laughing as he puts ogre shit on them with a stick...

THADEOUS AND EROSTEROAST are the only two left awake...

THADEOUS
Looka me! Last one standa! You see me? Huh?

Erosteroast watches Thadeous as he dances around the fire drinking. In fact there are FIVE Thadeous'. He tries to hold his head up, but is fading, fading, fading...

ALL FIVE THADEOUS'
I seeeeeee youuuuu....

CUT TO:

BOREMONT'S POV - HIS LIDS SLOWLY OPEN TO FIND THADEOUS STANDING OVER HIM HOLDING AN OAR AND SHOUTING AT SOMEONE.

EXT. RIVER - DAY

Thadeous is yelling from <u>THE BOW OF THE VIKING SHIP</u> to Courtney, who is trying to cut the THICK ROPE anchoring them.

THADEOUS
Hurry up for the love of the GODS!

Boremont tries to rise but has considerable trouble. Thadeous spots the drunk monkey and continues yelling:

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
We're running out of time!

BOREMONT
What is- Where are we?!

THADEOUS
Tis only a dream, sleep, sleep...

Then, bellowing from somewhere close in the forest...

EROSTEROAST (O.S.)
MEN!!! TO ARMS!!!

THADEOUS
COURTNEY!!!

Courtney's eyes go wide as he looks up to the ridge of tress and sees the ANGRY VIKINGS charging, WEAPONS RAISED.

COURTNEY
AAAHHHH!!!!

Finally the ROPE BREAKS, jolting the viking ship.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
My Lord! What of me?

Thadeous curses again, realizing Courtney's been left! He turns and spots a SAGGING TREE LITTERED WITH VINES.

THADEOUS
The vines! Hurry Courtney!

THWICK! An ARROW narrowly misses Thadeous' head.

BOREMONT
What have you done-

Thadeous shoves Boremont back down, charging over him.

THADEOUS
It's my quest monkey, and the quest is high tailing it home as quick as we can! If the river be the fastest course then by God it shall be the river we take!!

Courtney has reached the tree and is grabbing a VINE.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
NOW COURTNEY!!!

Courtney closes his eyes and swings out over the water and over the boat, completely missing it, falling into the river.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Son of a bitch!

THWICK! THWICK! THWICK! More ARROWS! Thinking quickly Thad grabs a rope and scrambles over to Boremont.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Gonna need a hand here!

Thadeous ties the ROPE around Boremont's WAIST!

BOREMONT
What are you doing?

THADEOUS
Trust me. You don't want to know!

With that he picks up the monkey and with all his might, chucks the little guy as hard as he can!

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Grab onto him Courtney! Grab tight!

Courtney and Boremont thrash about grabbing a hold of each other in the fast moving waters. Arrows splashing very close.

Thadeous pulls the rope in with all his might until finally...

Boremont and Courtney collapse onto the deck of the ship soaking wet and panting like dogs.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
HA-HA! Now we're on a Quest!

Then from the shore:

EROSTEROAST
I will not rest until I am standing in a pool of your blood! Especially yours BOREMONT!

Its hard to take Erosteroast seriously with the word SHITTER written across his face in ink. Boremont turns to Thadeous and is none to happy.

THADEOUS
Well I thank the gods that is over. Phew. I'm famished. Let us see what our Viking friends have for us.

Smacking his lips Thadeous heads into the galley leaving Boremont watching his one time friend turned mortal enemy fade into the river mist.

DISSOLVE TO:

A PIPE BEING LIT, GREEN GRASS SPARKING INTO FLAME...THICK SMOKE ESCAPING FROM AROUND...

CUE THE MIDDLE EARTH VERSION OF LOVIN SPOONFUL'S "DAYDREAM"

EXT. THE VIKING SHIP. DAY

Thadeous is getting straight lit...the wind in his hair as the Viking ship makes its way down the river. Not a care in the world.

A PLUMP NUDE ELF plays the pan flute on the shores. His fat ass jumping and twirling, he waves and dances away.

Thadeous smiles and nods taking another hit from the pipe and staring up into the sun. The tiny shadow of a PIXIE flies past his eyes

He holds out his finger and the Pixie lands on his finger giggles and then zips away.

Thadeous is high as hell and loving it.

Reveal that further back on the boat Courtney and Boremont are struggling to get the large oars of the ship working properly.

BOREMONT
Your Highness, do you think you would mind giving us a hand here. Unless of course you'd like The Vikings to catch up with us.

THADEOUS
Just cause I'm not rowing doesn't mean I'm not doing anything.

BOREMONT
And what was it exactly you were doing?

THADEOUS
Up here?

BOREMONT
Yes.

THADEOUS
Right here. When?

BOREMONT
Just now.

THADEOUS
Uh, I was--Why am I even answering to you. Remember your place, Boremont. You may be my father's best man but you are not mine. To me you're just a talking chimp!

BOREMONT
This I know.

THADEOUS
Well good!

Everyone is silent. It's very awkward. Finally...

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
So now you're mad at me?

Boremont shrugs.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Sorry, alright. Talking chimp was too much. You didn't deserve that. Okay, great. So now this is awkward and weird.

COURTNEY
Perhaps you should practice using the hoop while we navigate the boat, your highness.

THADEOUS
How about no. I hate that stupid thing. Doesn't even do anything.

BOREMONT
Perhaps the problem is not the weapon.

THADEOUS
Alright, that's it. You got a problem with me, Boremont? Am I not as cool as my brother and father? Am I not as brave? What is it?

BOREMONT
Mythical weapons often call for a deep connection with the weapon for it to work. Perhaps you're not using the weapon properly.

THADEOUS
Oh, really. You think you know so much? HOOP OF DOOM!

The Hoop appears. Thadeous goes to grab it dramatically. It disappears before his hand gets it. He doesn't take his eyes off Boremont and grasps about in the air for the weapon.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
HOPE OF DOOM!

It appears, he grabs it firmly. He stands in the boat and places the hoop around his waist, faux heroically.

Thadeous begins thrusting his hips. Slow at first and then faster and faster. The Hoop spins about his waist. Humming softly. Thadeous continues...

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
See...tell me what I'm doing wrong, please? I make this stupid thing look good.

BOREMONT
Can you make it go faster?

THADEOUS
Can I make it-- you're unbelievable.

Thadeous frustrated bites down on his lower lip in solid concentration and begins to get into the hula zone. He SHUTS HIS EYES and whips his hips faster and faster...the hoop GLOWING now, the humming, louder and louder and then POP!

Courtney and Boremont grab their ears in pain. The sound that the hoop is letting out has turned high pitched and deafening.

But Thadeous has no reaction. His eyes are still closed in concentration. He just keeps hula hooping the doom.

INSIDE THE HOOP'S GLOW: From Thadeous' POV, it's totally silent...

OUTSIDE THE HOOP'S GLOW: Courtney and Boremont cup their ears and thrash about.

On the water a bunch of the small fish with giant fangs begin jumping to the surface, as if they're being driven mad by the sound as well. Jumping and jumping until they start jumping right into the boat.

Courtney and Boremont jump about, trying to protect themselves as the trapped fanged fish snap at them.

More and More begin to jump into the boat. The Hoop calling up all the strange creatures of the river to its command.

Thadeous still has no clue. Boremont thinking quick, grabs an oar and swings it at Thadeous to get his attention...the glow of the Hoop splits the oar in two and sends it flying out of Boremont's hands.

Thadeous opens his eyes and the hoop skips a beat and then circles his waist slower until it falls to his ankles. The sound, the glow, everything gone...

Courtney and Boremont are gasping for air, fending off the last of the suffocating fanged fish. Thadeous looks around confused at all the dead fish in the boat.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Worthless.

Thadeous steps out of the hoop and takes his shirt off. He lays back down and tries to catch some rays.

LATER...

The sun is still high above. Thadeous is deep asleep, and very sunburnt.

Boremont and Courtney are rowing at a more leisurely pace.

They cruise past a huge monument of FABIOUS THE GREAT. Some good deed he'd done in the area being recognized.

Courtney and Boremont both nod to the monument.

COURTNEY
Does it not seem strange to you that Leezar would be seeking the same very weapon that Thadeous had only a day earlier acquired?

BOREMONT
Ah, indeed it does. And knowing how sly the white wizard is I believe that is no coincidence at all.

COURTNEY
You mean perhaps the White Wizard knew that Leezar was pursuing the hoop and he purposely sent Thadeous to intercept it?

BOREMONT
It would seem as such. But that would of course raise the question. Why Thadeous? Why not Fabious for a quest such as this?

COURTNEY
Perhaps Thadeous holds some special talent that makes him the only one capable of pulling off this important -- I'm sorry, I can't even say that with a straight face--

BOREMONT
I know.

They both start laughing. Thadeous rolls over.

THADEOUS
I'm awake, assholes.

They quickly quiet and go back to rowing.

From in the distance...up ahead a loud CROAKING sound. Thadeous looks up with one eye.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
What the hell was that?

Courtney and Boremont look about.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Should I put a shirt on?

Another CROAK followed by a series of CROAKS. CROAKS coming from all around them.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Oh, Bruce and beans. What is that?!

Thadeous quickly puts his shirt on.

BOREMONT
(whispering)
It's Troll.

THADEOUS
Troll?

COURTNEY
I believe you're right. The guttural "G" would suggest some deviation of mountain Troll. Perhaps--

THADEOUS
Courtney, please shut the brown betty up, thank you.

SWAMP TROLLS emerge from the reeds with very sharp spears aimed for them.

BOREMONT
Do not engage them.

COURTNEY
I am afraid you don't have to worry about that.

THADEOUS
I'm handling this. You guys want to talk gutchum about me. Well I'm about to show you that just cause I'm not Fabious doesn't mean I can't whup ass. Wait did I say that right?

BOREMONT
Sir--

THADEOUS
I'm special too gods dammit!

Thadeous tosses Boremont to the side and steps forward.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Swamp Trolls! I am Thadeous, brave Prince and cockslayer of Doobery and I seek passage through these waters!

EXT. THE BOG SHORES. DAY

Thadeous and the gang are locked up in small cages that sit atop giant BOG BEETLES.

THADEOUS
Okay, maybe there's been a communication breakdown--

BOREMONT
Where's the hoop?

Thadeous shrugs.

COURTNEY
I have it. It's invincibility charm coming in very handy. Would you like it, sir?

Courtney extends the invisible hoop towards Thadeous. Thadeous back away.

THADEOUS
No. Don't hand it to me. Stop being lazy. You just hold it.

Just then the Trolls light the Viking ship on fire.

BOREMONT
Oh no.

THADEOUS
Hey, that's not even ours, you chiggersaks!

The Trolls whip the Bog Beetles and the caged crew is led down a narrow path into the forest.

EXT. TROLL MOUNTAIN - DUSK

The caravan arrives at the base of a large MOUNTAIN. The cages are put on a pulley system that is lowered into the mountain.

The cages drop quick...Thadeous, Boremont, and Courtney scream...right at the end the bottoms open up, dumping them out into...

INT. TROLL PRISON - NIGHT

Thadeous hits the ground hard. Courtney and Boremont quickly help him up.

BOREMONT
Are you alright, your highness.

THADEOUS
No, I think I smashed my dick head in.

Boremont helps Thadeous slowly stand.

COURTNEY
Where are we?

BOREMONT
It seems to be a prison of some sort. We must find a way out!

HOODED WARRIOR
Good luck with that.

They turn around to find a few OTHER PRISONERS sitting in the darkness with them.

From somewhere near they can hear the muffled sounds of a large crowd cheering.

One of the other Prisoners starts crying and moaning:

SCARED PRISONER
No please, mercy. Please not me. Please not me!

THADEOUS
What's up with him?

HOODED WARRIOR
Prepare yourself.

Just then two large doors that were not even seen in the sheer darkness open to reveal a large ray of light...beyond the doors: A HUGE STADIUM.

Thadeous, Boremont, and Courtney all look to each other, confused.

Just then the TROLL QUEEN enters, followed by SIX MEN with ripped muscles and LONG SPEARS, her "man toys". She barks out orders speaking Troll:

TROLL QUEEN (SUBTITLED)
Grab the weakest one's. The king likes it when they scream for mercy.

The Muscle Men spread out, grabbing and poking Thadeous and the gang with their spears.

THADEOUS
Hey get off me you fairy ass!

Other Muscle Men scan the prisoners, randomly grabbing them and pushing them out the door.

The Scared Prisoner tries to hold it in. He whispers under his breath...

SCARED PRISONER
No, please, not me, not me, not-

A hand yanks the Scared Prisoner up. The chosen prisoners are herded together and led out the door into:

INT. TROLL STADIUM - RIGHT THEN

The crowd is full of Rich Trolls. They're dressed up as if they're out for a night at the Opera. All sitting around fine tables eating dinner and watching the prisoners enter the arena. The Troll Queen joins her King, front row box seats, along with a few of the Muscle Men standing with their long spears, feeding them CRAB-RATS like grapes.

THADEOUS
What the hell is this?

BOREMONT
It appears to be a Rodeo of Death. A secret tradition practiced by the trolls for centuries.

COURTNEY
And what exactly happens at a Rodeo of Death?

Just then The HOODED WARRIOR runs past them and springs to the wall.

HOODED WARRIOR
You're about to find out.

Thad turns around as a group of TROLLS unlock a very large lock, and with an intricate crank system begin opening a large metal hatch.

Thad, Courtney, and Boremont start backing up. The Other Prisoners are trying to get as far away as possible.

The Hooded Warrior scales up the side of the wall...going up as high as possible. The Troll Queen holds up her bratty TROLL KID to see.

The Scared Prisoner curls up in a fetus position in the corner, shaking.

SCARED PRISONER
Oh, make it quick, make it quick!

The hatch finally opens all the way with a crash, and the crowd hushes. An exhale of smoke drifts from the hole into the air...quiet waiting, then: THE SCREAM OF A VERY LARGE BEAST!

The crowd applauds maintaining their sophisticated composure as if they're cheering for a fine ballet.

BOREMONT
Run...run! RUN!

The Boys turn and run as A HUGE SLUG WITH BULLHORNS comes squealing out of the hatch! It's massive, the size of five elephants, with yellow wet eyes, and a toothy asshole for a mouth. It's horns large and sharp...it wildly charges them!

Thadeous and Courtney are screaming bloody murder as they run for it. The Bull Slug comes at them quick...

Boremont tries to keep up but loses his footing, and jumps to the left just as the Bull Slug swings its massive horn that stabs right through Scared Prisoner's torso, who screams!

The crowd cheers the first kill! Score board lights up!

Boremont keeps running as Scared Prisoner is swallowed whole behind him!

BOREMONT (CONT'D)
Oh my Gods, oh my Gods, oh my Gods!

COURTNEY AND THADEOUS are running at top speed...both scared as shit. The Bull Slug gaining on them.

THADEOUS
Drop back, the slowest one gets eaten. Make the sacrifice, Courtney!

COURTNEY
What?!

JUST THEN the Bull Slug makes a dive to the right and impales another two prisoners, and SHRIEKS, shaking the arena!

Courtney and Thadeous duck out of the way and seek shelter under a rock.

The Bull Slug Sniffs the air looking for it's next victim...the remaining survivors all hiding.

The Hooded Warrior is scaling the arena wall near Troll King and Queen, while the bratty Troll Kid throws crabrats at him.

Boremont sees Thad and Courtney and makes a run for them! Instantly the Bull Slug HEARS and hauls ass after the monkey.

HOODED WARRIOR
The beast is blind! It sees through sound. Remain still and become invisible.

Boremont keeps running and screaming!

THADEOUS
Boremont...remain still! You're leading it right to me!!

Just as the Bull Slug is about to bear down on Boremont...he freezes. The Slug slinks back...sniffing the air looking for his track.

Boremont remains completely still. From across the arena...The Hooded Warrior begins BANGING on the side of the arena loudly, while the Muscle Men lunge at him with their spears!

The Bull Slug turns and charges him instead. Boremont springs into action and slides under the rock with the boys.

BOREMONT
We will have to work together to defeat this creature. The Hoop of Doom where is it?!

Courtney holds it up just as it disappears again.

THADEOUS
You can use it. I ain't going out there to get eaten. I'm staying right under here.

Just then: The Bull Slug ROARS at the opening of the Rock! They all scream! It Rears back about to impale them all with it's horn when suddenly:

The Hooded Warrior jumps onto it's back, snatching one of the Muscle Men's SPEARS! As the Warrior drops in, it's hood falls back revealing *long hair and a beautiful face.* The Hooded Warrior is a HER and her name is ISABEL.

Thadeous watches her in slow motion...her hair flowing in the wind, her beautiful eyes...then SPLAT!

Green blood sprays the air as she drills the spear right into the back of the Bull Slug's head. The Bull Slug drops in a fit of spasms and then is still.

The Crowd is silent. Thad and company remain in hiding. Isabel turns to the crowd, pulling the metal spear out of the creatures head. She addresses the crowd speaking Troll:

ISABEL (SUBTITLED)
Two years ago you creatures dined and applauded as that beast killed my Grandfather. Today I avenge him. First by killing the beast that killed him...second, by covering these walls with your filthy King's blood.

The Gates open and TROLL GUARDS armed to the tee storm the arena after her. She's too fast, she leaps over their heads, snatching one of their swords and begins to cut right through the GUARDS, heading for the Troll King!

BOREMONT
Perhaps this is the opportunity we were searching for. Let's run for it!

They slide up from their hiding. No one is paying any attention to them. All forces are trying to beat down Isabel...but she's taking them all on easily.

THADEOUS
She's incredible.

COURTNEY
Perhaps we should help her?

THADEOUS
Well, I'm not trying to say all that. I'm just saying she's hot. Let's get the dragon saks out of--

Just then: THE BULL SLUG SPRINGS BACK TO LIFE MOANING! They scream as it rises for the attack again! It flails and crashes right into the side of arena, the Troll King falling out of his box seats!

Thad and gang make a run for the gate! The Bull Slug killing Guards and Prisoners and anyone else who crosses its path! Thadeous screams as he sees the massive horn swinging his way, hot on his ass!

Isabel corners the Troll King, when Thadeous runs right smack dab into her, and the two go tumbling to the ground as the Troll King is IMPALED by the Bull Slug screaming, his crown falls right into Isabel's hands.

They get up and run to the gate...the Bull Slug tries to follow but gets stuck.

They've escaped!

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Wait, hold up. Let me get my breath.

Just as they stop to catch a breath...the Bull Slug bursts through the large door frame...taking out support beams with him! The ceiling above the arena begins to crumble!

The Crowd starts screaming and running away. Isabel watches the destruction and smiles.

It's total chaos!

Up ahead the tunnel leads up and out....they run as fast as they can. The whole Mountain trembling.

EXT. TROLL MINES - NIGHT.

They explode out of the tunnel running fast. Isabel whistles a shrill call, and then...A GIANT HUMMINGBIRD comes zipping down like a helicopter!

ISABEL
I owe you a debt of gratitude for saving me my life, now hop on.

Thadeous, Courtney and Boremont all hop on, and Isabel whistles once again, and the giant Hummingbird takes off, souring fast and furious.

Behind them the whole entire mountain collapses! Thadeous wipes his brow.

THADEOUS
Puckery pixiepunts! We made it!

Thadeous dog pounds his fist in the air as they zip off, off and away into the sky high above...

EXT. OPEN SKY. NIGHT.

Thad, Bore, Court, and Isabel all sour high above the land that glows with campfires of tiny enchanted towns below! The air tugging at him, Thadeous finds this the perfect opportunity to cinch his way up to Isabel.

THADEOUS
So, that was pretty cool back there, you know, me saving your hide and all from those trolls.
(MORE)

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
So what's your plans for the road? We're heading west, I'm not sure what your deal is but if you could give us a ride there, you know since I saved your life and all. Just trying to get back to my kingdom...yea, that's right, I'm a Prince. I didn't catch your name.

ISABEL
Isabel.

THADEOUS
Prince Thadeous, son of Tallious The Brave.

ISABEL
I thought Tallious The Brave's son was Fabious The Great?

THADEOUS
That he is. My brother. I'm The other prince. Prince Thadeous...the, uh, The Destroyer.

ISABEL
Destroyer?

THADEOUS
Yep. Because of how I destroy things. All the time. Hey we really appreciate the ride but, we are actually trying to go back there. Is there anyway we could maybe do a little double back thing? Does this thing go backwards?

ISABEL
We're not going back. Warlocks have been crawling the forests. They have fang boars patrolling the skies.

THADEOUS
So what would you suggest?

ISABEL
I'm going to Ice City. You can come as well...from there you should have no problem finding your way back.

Isabel grapples the plumage, and the Hummingbird DIPS A HARD RIGHT, souring on...

EXT. THE MOUNTAIN TOP CAMP - NIGHT

Boremont stokes a fire while Courtney tends to the HUMMING BIRD. Thadeous sits on a large rock doing nothing.

They're camp is set at the very top of a huge mountain...

BOREMONT
Sir, I insist we not be lead astray too far from our path.

THADEOUS
Boremont, just relax. We're in good hands. She's all about me...I'm gonna get her to take us all the way. Trust me. Ice city ain't going to be the last stop for us and her.

Isabel strides through the brush looking quite fierce, her radiant face camouflaged with caked on mud, BLOOD STAINS splattered across her tunic and carrying a dead RAMS-STEED over her shoulders with an ARROW through its neck. Dinner!

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
How cute...

Isabel turns to find Thadeous lounging and attempting to look aloofly seductive upon a LARGE BROWN BOULDER. She stifles a chuckle.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Isabel the Huntress.

WHAM! Isabel flips the carcass upon a GRANITE ROCK and in the same motion produces a HUGE KNIFE which she plunges into the RAM-STEED's chest and proceeds to slice her way south.

Thad buckles, barely catching a sudden UPCHUCK while Isabel casually blows a tuft of hair out of her face whilst ripping out foot after foot of GORE COVERED INTESTINES

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Myself, I prefer the big game, pitting my honed senses against the primal instincts of the wild beasts. Though my own tastes lean towards the larger game-

Isabel stops, looking genuinely surprised.

ISABEL
Oh. Okay, for a second there- nevermid. I forgot where we were. Amazing. An honest to god Bore Dragon hunter.

Suddenly put on the spot Thadeous goes with it.

THADEOUS
Boar Dragon? Oh, of course, whenever I can. What? Oh, I see. Thought I was just some self centered, precious Prince caring only of mead and smoke and soiling maidens and...

Thadeous stops, his description inadvertently dead on. Isabel though is still nodding her head and smiling.

ISABEL
Forgive me. Tis just, you, Thadeous, tracking a Boar Dragon.

She laughs and Thadeous, confused, limply laughs along.

ISABEL (CONT'D)
To think, when I saw you I just thought you were some idiot who had no clue he was sitting on a huge chunk of dragon shit... Quite full of surprises aren't we fair Prince.

Thadeous nods his head...suddenly very uncomfortable on his comfortable squishy seat.

EXT. THE MOUNTAIN TOP CAMP - NIGHT

Everyone is sleeping at the camp. The fire has burnt out. Thadeous is taking a piss in the moonlight.

Just then the Hummingbird walks on up, nudging Thadeous, sniffing his ass and flapping its wings in his face. Thadeous helpless still in mid stream.

THADEOUS
Gods, will you get away! Courtney, wake! Get this gross ass thing away from me, it keeps poking my starfish. Courtney, wake up!

Courtney answers with a dainty snore. He's passed out. The Hummingbird does not stop, further angering Thadeous.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
GET!

The Hummingbird CAWS in his face.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
I SAID GET!

Thadeous KICKS the Hummingbird that SCREAMS and flies off shitting! Thadeous looks around...everyone is still sleeping. He creeps back in to bed and pretends like nothing happened.

EXT. THE MOUNTAIN RANGE - DAY

Isabel makes her way across a steep cliff side. Leaping from one tiny ledge to the next. The ground far, far below.

ISABEL
Funny, I've never had a humming horse run off before.

Thadeous is still on the ledge.

THADEOUS
Yea, pretty crazy. He just up and split! No one even did anything to him.

ISABEL
Luckily the harbor is only about a half day's journey from here. We'll take a ferry to ice city from there.

Courtney begins to climb across as well. Thadeous still stands on the ledge.

BOREMONT
Are you coming sir?

THADEOUS
Yea, Boremont. I'm coming. Just mind your own business.

Isabel turns back. She can see that he's in emotional turmoil.

ISABEL
Keep up!

Thadeous gives her a thumbs up.

THADEOUS
Planning on it, dwarf dick. Okay, how do I get out of this and not look like a total flatcock? Let me think.

COURTNEY
Sir, why don't you try it. It's steep but there is plenty of solid footing.

THADEOUS
Shut up Courtney, look away!

Thadeous watches Isabel clear the gap. He takes a deep breath.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Alright, here goes nothing.

Thadeous takes a big jump and totally misses the ledge. His eyes go wide and he lets out a blood curdling girl scream as he tumbles through the air.

He grabs on to the nearest ledge, by the barest of grips. Fingertips holding onto dust, his whole body dangling above the distant earth below.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Oh sweet chiggersaks!

Thadeous wails like a banshee. Boremont and Isabel move into action. They pull the screaming Thadeous up from the ledge. He's totally lost his cool, shivering in fright.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Oh my Gods, Oh my Gods, I can't stop shaking. Oh My Gods!

He's in total shock.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
I'm just going to go ahead and put this out there. I think I pissed my pantaloons.

They all look down at his pantaloons and yep he did.

EXT. THE HARBOR OF TWINS - DAY.

The gang moves out of a thick wood to see BLACK SMOKE rising in the sky from the harbor, a small BOAT TOWN on the edge of the Great Seas.

ISABEL
Hold back.

They stop behind some barrels, and peer down to the Harbor to see TWO FANG BOARS circling the small harbor town, blowing FLAMES.

THADEOUS
Fang boars, I hate those things.

BOREMONT
If there are fang boars, that means-

ISABEL
Look!

They spot two WARLOCKS herding in a group of FISHERMEN, threatening them, while others run from the snarling fang boars.

BOREMONT
It's as I expected. The fang boars belong to Leezar's men. There's two of them here and they've made a grand mess of this place.

ISABEL
For what reason?

BOREMONT
Because they are in search of us.

THADEOUS
Well let's get the fairyfuzz out of here then.

ISABEL
These are Leezar's men, you say? Well I would love to share words with them.

Isabel stands and draws her bow.

THADEOUS
Isabel, let's not be hasty. These warlocks killed my father's best men. We alone would stand no chance against them.

ISABEL
Stay behind if you'd like. I intend to educate them regardless.

Isabel hops over the wall and heads into the village. Courtney and Boremont look to Thadeous.

THADEOUS
Twat crackers.

EXT. THE ANCHOR GRAVEYARD. DAY.

Isabel moves through a maze of GARGANTUAN ANCHORS that sit on land creating a twisted maze. Up ahead a few fishermen come running around the corner screaming...as the two fang boars chase them down.

Isabel crouches behind a large seaweed covered anchor, her hands finding an old HARPOON.

EXT. THE HARBOR OF TWINS - DAY.

Boremont and Courtney try to reason with Thadeous who is not interested.

BOREMONT
Sir, you would have her fight in there alone?

THADEOUS
No, Boremont, I wouldn't have her do that at all. If I could have her do anything I'd have her have sex with me. But obviously I can't have what I want!

Just then the HOOP SHOWS ITSELF.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Hey, why's it showing itself. I didn't say--

The Hoop stands up on end and like a wheel and rolls on it's own toward town.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
What in the hell? Courtney catch it!

Courtney makes a dive for the rolling hoop but misses...he hits the ground hard. Boremont leaps into the air and reaches for it...the Hoop changes direction on it's own and cuts to the left leaving Boremont empty handed.

The Hoop picks up speed, still rolling on it's own, and turns down an alley. Thadeous follows, scared and crouch running.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Hoop Of Doom, you get back here right now! Bad Hoop Of Doom. Bad!

EXT. THE ANCHOR GRAVEYARD - DAY.

Isabel hidden behind an anchor, is still holding the harpoon. More fishermen run by screaming...she readies herself--

Just as the pursuing Fang Bores pass she springs to her feet and hurls the weapon!

The harpoon tears through one of the Fang Boars wings and cracks directly into the head of the second fang boar, dropping him instantly! The first Fang Boar crashes and skids across the anchor graveyard.

The Fang Boar writhes in pain, trying to fly but its wing is damaged too bad. The fishermen take cover up ahead, watching.

Isabel walks over to the dead fang boar, pulls the harpoon out of it's head and then turns to the injured one.

The fang boar stands up and bares its razor teeth. Flight is no longer an option...he charges her...she meets his charge shoving the harpoon down its open mouth, all the way through the back of his head!

From behind her, one of the Warlocks emerges from a boat house.

HOODED WARLOCK
That was not wise, you tricky wench.

The Hooded Warlock prepares for battle. He sends a bolt of electricity exploding from his finger tips.

Isabel dodges it and springs off the wall...she comes diving right at him...

The Warlock acts quick and throws up a LENGTH OF CHAIN, the end FLAMING. He spins the chain round and round, lightning quick...it's fiery end whipping around his body...Isabel almost goes right into the chain's spin, but changes course and crashes into the ground, the flame catching her shoulder as she passes.

The Warlock stands over her, blood oozing from her wound. His FIRE CHAIN STILL SPINNING. Then from behind:

THADEOUS
I said get back here!

Thadeous unaware of the battle runs forth...The Hoop has lead him exactly where it wanted to. It stops. Thadeous snatches it, then looks up to find the Warlock's gaze upon him.

Thadeous stands there for a moment taking it in. Isabel and him lock eyes. And then without any effort from Thadeous...

THE HOOP SPINS TO LIFE AROUND HIS WAIST. Thadeous goes with it, <u>SHUTS HIS EYES</u>...moving his hips faster and faster...the loud humming begins, and then POP!

The Warlock grabs his ears and drops to the ground. Boremont and Courtney with plugs in their ears run to Isabel's side and scoop her up. They drag her to safety.

Thadeous slows down his hoop, the sound lowering. The Warlock still on the ground not moving...

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Warlock, did I kill you?

The Warlock laughs, then sits up, looking at Thadeous.

HOODED WARLOCK
You, fool. You haven't a clue of the hoops power. Perhaps I shall show you when I kill you with it!

A bolt of electricity stings Thadeous' back. He stumbles forward off his guard.

THADEOUS
Trollslag, that really hurt!

The Warlock grabs for the hoop...

HOODED WARLOCK
Give it to me!

Thadeous kicks the warlock in his balls...sending him backwards.

He turns to meet the other Warlock approaching. Thadeous begins to spin the hoop faster, EYES SHUT AGAIN!

Both warlocks are moving toward Thadeous, each twirling a LENGTH OF FLAMING CHAIN...up their bodies, down their arms, spinning the fire around their wrists, necks, and legs...fast as lightning...their deadly fires coming closer and closer to Thadeous!

Thadeous follows their lead and kicks it into high gear...

THE HOOP OF DOOM spins up, around his neck, then snaps both fire chains in two, sending the sharp pieces flying right back in their masters' faces: SMACK!

Thadeous breaks fucking super bad with the hoop, it's glowing, and whipping around his body fast as shit! The most insane hula hooping you've ever seen!

The Warlocks are on the ground...scurrying backwards trying to avoid the Hoop's far spinning reach. But no: THE HOOP'S GLOW COVERS THEM, and they SCREAM!!!

Thadeous has had his eyes closed the whole time in the zone. He opens them and slows the hoop down as he sees just two piles of ground beef and chopped guts where the Warlocks used to be. Thadeous looks around, holding the hoop in his hand.

The anchor graveyard is covered in blood. Blood all over Courtney, Boremont, and Isabel. Dripping from the boats, all over the fishermen.

THADEOUS (TO HOOP)
What did thoust do, Hoop?

The Fishermen begin applauding and cheering. Thadeous can't believe it. He did it. He actually did it!

INT. THE FERRY BOAT ON THE OPEN SEA. DAY

The Group rides in a ferry boat filled with other passengers, GREEN FISH MEN line the sides rowing. Thadeous is having a one on one with Courtney near the back of the boat.

THADEOUS
Not to keep talking about it. But how bad ass was I? I was flipping that thing around...heads were flying. What was Isabel doing? Seriously. Was she blown away? What were you thinking? Were you like, Holy trollslag, what the gutchucker?!

COURTNEY
Yes sir. As I have said over and over...you were incredible.

THADEOUS
It's like I'm always saying, never judge a book by its cover. I made that up. Never do it. You underestimate the hoop and WAAPOW! You underestimate me and BAJESUS, you're damn dungeon dookie. Give it up. Seriously, hit me with five, tiniest of men.

Thadeous and Courtney slap five.

EXT. ICE CITY, THE GREAT SEAS. SUNSET

The ferry rows up to ICE CITY: a floating metropolis of twisted ice and structures and buildings, like a cruise ship, being pulled by: A HUGE SEA SLOTH. Half its body under water, the top half above, chains attached around its shoulders and fastened to the city, it moves slowly like a cow, moaning.

ISABEL
We'd be wise to stay out of sight tonight. I have the feeling that Leezar will be looking for you with renewed purpose after what you've done to his men.

THADEOUS
Me done? You done too? I did that to save you.

ISABEL
Oh there is no doubt that we are officially in this together. I know of a safe house in the city. An old friend of mine lives here.

THADEOUS
Old friend?

The ferry docks the city, as do other boats.

INT. ICE CITY. NIGHT

They walk through the streets of Ice City, which is a crooked and bustling haven for all sorts of life, like Venice. Fairy's and pixies flutter about, dropping glowing dust about, while a drunken seaman plays the fiddle.

The setting is very romantic. Thadeous walks next to Isabel.

ISABEL
That was a very brave thing you did back there. Swallowing your fear and facing them on your own. I thought for sure you were going to stay behind.

THADEOUS
Stay behind? Man, you had me pegged all wrong. There was no way I was letting you go in there alone. As soon as you left, I was up. It was all part of my plan. I have to know something. Something very important.

He leans in close and whispers...

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Has my heart had a secret hold on you like yours has had on mine?

From behind, a MAN'S VOICE calls out...

VOICE
Isabel!

They both turn...

SIX MEN with totally ripped muscles and handsome rugged faces walk towards them. In fact, its the same dudes who were Troll Queen's "man toys" back at Troll Mountain.

ISABEL
Adam!

Adam runs forward to give Isabel a big hug, Thadeous jumps in and stops it.

THADEOUS
Hold on hold on! Stand back you glistening man toy.
(MORE)

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Isabel, these men were guard to the Troll King, they're traitors.

ISABEL
Thadeous, it's alright, they're with me. We were working together to take down the Troll King. It was Adam's spear I used to kill the Bull Slug.

ADAM
Yes, it took two months and very long eves of Troll slogging to become a part of the guard. Please forgive me. I am Adam and these are my Men.

Adam and his men all bow.

THADEOUS
Yeah, Thadeous, son of Tallious. Pleasure.

ADAM
I didn't know Fabious the Great had a brother.

Thadeous rolls his eyes.

ISABEL
I went on a quest down in the snowy tundra of Deeds last year with them.

ADAM
Incredible adventure. I've thought of it often.

ISABEL
As have I.

THADEOUS
Terrific, everybody's thinking about everything.

ISABEL
Adam, we seek shelter for the night.

EXT. ICE BRIDGE. NIGHT

They all move across the ice bridge up to the tippy top where there's a well guarded ice cave.

Isabel and Adam are catching up and Thadeous don't like it.

ADAM
My men and I are setting out first thing in the morning on another quest of the most secret nature. But you can use our quarters for as long as you need. Right this way.

At the top of the bridge TWO GUARDS step aside, revealing a door into a chilled out bachelor ice pad. They all step inside.

INT. ADAM AND HIS MEN'S ICE PAD. NIGHT

They all sit around on large pillows drinking and eating. Servants fill Thadeous' mug full of mead..he motions for more and smiles.

ADAM
So Isabel is hanging off the side of the wretched beast. Her dagger stuck in his rib cage! And next thing you know...armor slips off and there she is. Totally nude. My men and I had seen nothing like it. We laughed for hours.

ISABEL
Oh was that laughing? I do remember a stint you had with a Grout Minx, stripping you of your loin cloth.

ADAM
Ha! Your memory is sharp.

ISABEL
How could I forget such a large creature?

ADAM
Are you talking about the grout minx or my cock?!

His Men howl with laughter as does Isabel, Boremont, and Courtney. Thadeous ain't laughing.

THADEOUS
Yea, we've had some pretty crazy times on this quest too. Especially since Isabel came on board. Tons of crazy stuff.

ADAM
Really? Like what. Tell us a funny story from your quest.

All eyes turn to Thadeous; he is at a loss for words.

THADEOUS
A funny story from this quest? This one we're on right now?

ADAM
Yes, the funniest thing.

THADEOUS
Of course. Okay. Funniest thing on this quest so far...

Everyone is looking to him.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Hmmm. That would have to be, drum roll please. Take it away, Boremont. Unload it on them!

Boremont just sits there confused.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Okay, Boremont, way to make everything super awkward by not saying anything. Courtney, one of you, step up here, you're making us look like mud caves here. I'm sorry for them, Adam, Men. What were we even talking about? Who wants some fresh air? Let's get up and do something.

EXT. BOW OF ICE CITY. NIGHT

There is a celebration afoot as A BLUE GRASS CYCLOPS BAND begins to play a traditional Cyclops jig. An eclectic group of beings stand up and begin doing a little River Dance.

Thadeous is cleaned and trimmed. As is Courtney who stands beside him taking it all in, the open seas floating past them.

COURTNEY
Good men they are. Very nice of them to help us.

THADEOUS
The dude is a meat head. Every time he got ready to talk I wanted to shoot myself with a crossbow in the mouth.

COURTNEY
I rather found him charming. His tales are incredible.

THADEOUS
Alright, Courtney lest we forget you're supposed to be making sure my tales are the most incredible. Stop being a star chugger.

Thadeous stops dead in his tracks. Coming onto the bow is Isabel. She cleans up real nice.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Holy pixiechum.

COURTNEY
She's gorgeous.

THADEOUS
My Gods.

She is amazing. Thadeous gathers himself.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
How do I look, Courtney?

COURTNEY
Stunning, sir.

THADEOUS
Give me some room.

Thadeous cuts through the dance floor toward her. Just as he gets there, Adam comes in from the side, and she hugs him, the wind taken right out of Thadeous' sail. Deflated but not beaten:

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Good evening to you both. Isabel, you look stunning. Adam, you look the same.

ISABEL
You clean up well yourself.

THADEOUS
So this whole party is for you guys?

ADAM
Yes. A little going away party. Gods know how many moons shall pass before we are to sing and dance with these friends again.

THADEOUS
Well, Adam, let me be the first to wish you farewell! Farewell Adam!

Adam smiles.

ADAM
It's several hours early, but thank you, Thadeous. Farewell to you too.

THADEOUS
Oh,I'm not going anywhere.

Adam is confused.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Isabel, may I have this dance?

Isabel is reluctant but Thadeous doesn't let her slip away. He instantly starts working the dance floor. Obviously trained in ballroom, tap, tango, everything.

Isabel is impressed. She begins to go with the flow. They dance about under the canopy of ICE SCULPTURES...

MONTAGE: DRINKS FLOWING, MORE DANCING, EVEN BOREMONT AND COURTNEY ARE JOINING IN THE FUN. THADEOUS' LIFE-OF-THE-PARTY SKILLS SHINING THROUGH...

EXT. ICE CITY DECK. NIGHT

Everyone is standing outside the tavern. Up in the balcony's and bridges above, the last of the lanterns are being blown out...by snow mites.

ADAM
Well, my men and I will now retire. I fear our journey makes us rise before the sun each morn...a short visit this has been but a soul recharge none the less.

ISABEL
Take care of yourself out there.

ADAM
You as well. Safe passage to your home, Thadeous.

THADEOUS
Yea, thanks. I'm sure I'll be fine. I think your men are yawning. You better get them to bed.

Adam nods.

ADAM
Good night.

Adam and his men bow and turn away. Thad is left with Isabel all alone.

THADEOUS
So. That was cool. Your friends seem nice.

ISABEL
Yea, Adam and his men are good guys.

THADEOUS
Seemed like it. Not big into shirts, but that's cool. Different strokes.

ISABEL
I had a good time tonight. It's been a while since I've had any fun.

THADEOUS
I know, up close your face looks wrinkly from stress.

ISABEL
What?

THADEOUS
If I could have just one night with you, maiden. Just one night...I'm sure I could show you love that would last a life time.

ISABEL
Oh really? Well how long is a life time?

THADEOUS
Why don't we retire and find out.

INT. ICE ROOM/ADAM'S ICE PAD. NIGHT

Thadeous and Isabel make out passionately. Isabel pulls away for a second.

ISABEL
Before we go any further there's something I must tell you, Thadeous. Thadeous?

Isabel shakes Thadeous who is dead asleep. Romantic night instantly over. He lets out a gentle snore. She lays his head on the pillow gently.

ISABEL (CONT'D)
Good night then, prince...

FADE OUT.

BLACKNESS. A LOUD ROARING WAIL IS HEARD, A GIANT BEAST!

INT. ICE ROOM/ADAM'S ICE PAD. MORNING

Thadeous is stirred awake! The entire room SHAKES as if they've struck an ice berg! Thadeous holds on as the ice walls chip and crack around him! He realizes he's in bed alone.

THADEOUS
Isabel?!

The room SHAKES again, earthquake style, things on shelves fall. Then it calms. Thadeous gets up.

EXT. STREET/ICE CITY. MORNING

Thadeous steps out of the ice pad, and sees that no one is around, dead silence.

He hears the LOUD ROAR again in the distance:

THE GIANT SEA SLOTH IS UPSET AND RAGING IN THE WATERS. ICE CITY SHAKES, AS HE RATTLES HIS CHAINS!

From the alley right next to Thadeous, he hears:

COURTNEY
Your Highness. Over here...

Thadeous turns to see Courtney hiding in the shadows. He runs over and joins him.

THADEOUS
What in my father's name is going on? Where is everybody?

COURTNEY
There's some sort of a panic, your highness. Something is upsetting the sea sloth.

THADEOUS
Well, muckrucker! What does that mean? Where's Adam and his men?! Wake them at once!

COURTNEY
They left much earlier on their quest.

Just then, they both hear a GROWL, and hush into the shadows quickly as: A FANG BOAR comes flapping down, landing with a snort! It does not see them...

The Fang Boar is right next to the alley...he sniffs down their way. Courtney and Thadeous are dead quiet. The Fang Boar screams and flies into the air, away.

THADEOUS
Leezar and his men have somehow tracked us here!

COURTNEY
Where's Isabel?

THADEOUS
I have no idea She didn't leave with Adam did she?

COURTNEY
I wouldn't know. Perhaps, Boremont would-

THADEOUS
Where is Boremont?

EXT. ICE ROOF. MORNING.

Boremont slides across an ice roof watching A GROUP OF WARLOCKS, led by Leezar, move through Ice City.

He comes to a chimney and crawls down, landing in the alley with Courtney and Thadeous.

BOREMONT
It's Leezar and he's brought numbers.

THADEOUS
Okay, I'm just going to say it. Lets give him the hoop. We roll it out in front of him and then split. I don't want to die. Not yet.

BOREMONT
Sir, that man is a murderer, giving someone like that a weapon as powerful as the Hoop would surely spell devastation.

The hull of Ice City SHAKES HARD TO THE LEFT this time, walls cracking!

THADEOUS
Gutchum! I don't want to be here. I don't want to be here! I'm freaking out! Courtney! Courtney!

Courtney and Boremont watch Thadeous as he freaks out and tries to hide and be small.

COURTNEY
Sir, are you alright?

THADEOUS
No, Courtney, I'm not. I'm freaking out! Those men mean to kill us! And they've killed many in search of us...imagine what that means they'll do to us! Imagine! There's to many of them this time! We're outnumbered!

BOREMONT
Pull yourself together, Thadeous! At once.

Boremont slaps Thadeous across the face. Thadeous snaps to.

THADEOUS
Hey!

Thadeous is obviously awake. Boremont hits him again.

BOREMONT
Wake sir!

THADEOUS
I'm-

Boremont hits him hard in the face again.

BOREMONT
WAKE!

Another slap

THADEOUS
Sto--

SLAP!

BOREMONT
WAKE YOURSELF!

THADEOUS
Asshole!

BOREMONT
Very good, sir. You're awake.

EXT. ICE CITY BACK LOADING DOCK. MORNING

Boremont, Thadeous, and Courtney make a dash to Ice City's freighter dock. He can see why there was no one out...they're all trying desperately to board life boats. It's a crowded mess!

THADEOUS
What's going on back here?

DWARF
We're getting out of here, this city's going down! Warlocks mean business!

People scream, pushing for the escape boats...one after the next they board, virtually right on top of each other.

THADEOUS
Boremont, get me on one of those boats. We must flee here at once!

BOREMONT
Sir, this crowd will not be reasoned with!

Fang Boars fly around above, blowing FIRE and screeching!

Just then all the people who boarded a boat in the sea come flying back, right over everyone's heads, and land back on Ice City's hull with a thud! Behind them, floating: Leezar!

LEEZAR
Now why would anyone be running away?

He chuckles and with a wiggle of his nose the life boats SHATTER. The ice city folk make a mad dash, and begin running this way and that as the Fang Boars and Other Warlocks close in. It is chaos and hysteria!

Thadeous gets lost in the panic, and is pushed by the crowd into an open ice cave...

BEHIND THE WALL he bumps into someone and screams...

THADEOUS
Ahhh! Isabel?

They both pick them selves up off the ground.

ISABEL
Thadeous! They've found us!

They take cover as:

LEEZAR AND HIS WARLOCKS round up all the ice city folk, and gather them into a circle...Courtney and Boremont included. Leezar paces them, speaking calmly:

LEEZAR
Now, I'm going to ask all of you a question. I know someone in this group has an answer.
(MORE)

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
I want the answer or you all will go down with this city, isn't that right captain?

One of the warlocks drags the Captain front and center of the ICE CITY FOLK.

CAPTAIN
Just do what the warlock says. He's got a couple of fang boars agitating the sea sloth.

The sea sloth MOANS in the distance, shaking the hull of Ice City to the right! Every one screams!

LEEZAR
That's correct, awaiting my command. If you do not comply, I will send a few more to enrage the beast further. Now then...where is Prince Fabious, son of King Tallious?

At this question, the ice city folk murmur and look around, whispering, confused. Finally a TWO HEADED MAN steps forth:

HEAD ONE
Warlock, you are mistaken, Fabious the Great is neither here nor there.

HEAD TWO
It seems you have been played a fool-

The TWO HEADED MAN is lifted into the air high above the crowd and then tossed miles away into the sea.

Leezar slides his wand back into his sleeve...the tip still smoking. The ICE CITY FOLK are scared shitless.

LEEZAR
Step forward Fabious, at once!

BEHIND THE ICE WALL: Isabel looks to Thadeous...

ISABEL
Pretend to surrender yourself and I will lay an ambush.

THADEOUS
Go out there? You mean just give myself up to him?!

ISABEL
We have to do something!

THADEOUS
Look, I'm sorry if I'm not Adam and his slogging shirtless men! I'm not ready to battle evil at every breath. I'm a horny, lazy, somewhat good-looking-if-I-lost-more-weight, Prince. I'm not some hero.

ISABEL
Then perhaps I misjudged you.

THADEOUS
Yea, maybe you did. And maybe I misjudged you. When you came on our quest I thought it was something special! But it looks like jumping on board an adventure with a bunch of dudes is old hat to you!

BACK OUT IN THE CROWD:

LEEZAR
I will count to three and if the brave and mighty prince Fabious doesn't step forward, then perhaps I will feed you one by one to my fang boars. One--

Isabel forgets Thadeous and draws an arrow...

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
Two--

Isabel lets the arrow fly and then dives out from her hiding spot! The arrow takes the Warlock standing right in front of her down, his cloak dropping to the ground empty.

She unsheathes TWO DAGGERS and lets them fly right into the eyes of a charging Fang Bore, the Warlock on top flying off!

LEEZAR turns toward Isabel. His men closing in on her when, quick as lightning she springs into the air, loads another arrow, and takes aim on Leezar!

THE HOOP OF DOOM begins shaking, it tries to roll towards the action. Thadeous grabs it, too scared to move.

ISABEL lets the arrow fly. Leezar smiles and with a flick of his wrist the arrow suddenly moves at a snail's pace. Leezar easily steps aside, as soon as he's safe the arrow resumes it's normal speed and takes THE CAPTAIN right in the throat. The crowd gasps, Leezar chuckles.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
Well, that was not very nice.

ISABEL
You evil bastard!

BOREMONT and COURTNEY scan the crowd looking, for Thadeous.

BOREMONT
Do you see Prince Thadeous?

COURTNEY
No. I fear he has slipped away.

BEHIND THE WALL: Thadeous is trying desperately to build the courage...

THADEOUS
Come on, stand up. You have the hoop, you can take them on. Stand up. Stand up...

LEEZAR HAS ISABEL surrounded in a wide circle of Warlocks. She keeps their distance with another arrow pulled and ready.

LEEZAR
I have no time for games, dear. Where is that thieving Prince!

With a snap of his fingers the arrow and bow turn to dust in her hands...THE SEA SLOTH screams, and Ice City's hull TILTS LEFT, sending Isabel sliding on the ice, landing right at Leezar's feet.

He leans down and pulls her hair so she's looking at him.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
Might you be his maiden?

Leezar looks out to the crowd.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
Is this your love Fabious?!

BEHIND THE WALL: Thadeous peers over and sees Leezar holding Isabel...

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
If you would not come to the aid of a maiden as pretty as this...then perhaps it's not maidens you desire at all!

The warlocks chuckle. Leezar pulls Isabel up.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
Once again, everyone. For old time's sake.
(MORE)

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
Would Fabious, the same valiant Prince that stole the mythical weapon that the fates had set aside for me, not him, be so kind as to step forward. Do it now or else! One-

Thadeous is gripped by fear...

THADEOUS
He'll kill me...I'll be dead. I don't want to be dead.

Courtney and Boremont look to each other, lost...

Isabel looks for Thadeous to rescue her, nothing...

LEEZAR
Two--

Everyone in the crowd looks for Thadeous to step forward. But no sign of him. Then:

THE SEA SLOTH MOANS AND THRASHES, swatting at the fang boars flying around its head, causing the hull of Ice City to crash left again, SHAKING!

Everyone screams and tries to grab their footing so as not to fall and slide. BOREMONT and COURTNEY grab onto a near by person. This person suddenly grabs a hold of both of them, and they hear a familiar voice:

FAMILIAR VOICE
Well well well, look at what the minx dragged in.

They look up and see: <u>EROSTEROAST THE VIKING</u>.

BOREMONT
Erosteroast!

EROSTEROAST
It's funny how things come full circle, eh old friend? WARLOCK! I say warlock, I think you may find interest in these two fairies!

Leezar looks and sees Erosteroast emerge from the crowd dragging Boremont and Courtney by the arm.

LEEZAR
I say! Bring them forth.

<u>BEHIND THE WALL</u>: Thadeous watches as Erosteroast drags them to Leezar, who drops Isabel to the ground.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
A monkey and a fag? What joke is this brute?

EROSTEROAST
I have known these two to keep company with he whom you seek.

Boremont helps Isabel up.

BOREMONT
Are you alright my lady?

ISABEL
Sssshh!

Leezar suddenly recognizes Boremont, and chuckles!

LEEZAR
Why it can not be! What a small world! I do believe, monkey, that you owe me a thank for such flowing hair!

Boremont throws shit at Leezar.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
Where is Prince Fabious? And more importantly, where is the Hoop of Doom?

EROSTEROAST
These men travel not with Fabious The Brave, but his younger, much fatter brother...Thadeous.

LEEZAR
Thadeous?

BOREMONT
Prince Thadeous the BRAVE has taken the Hoop of Doom far away from here. Away from your evil clutches. You'll never get your hands on it Leezar!

LEEZAR (ANGERED)
Who the hell is Thadeous? Why was I not briefed on the fact that Fabious has a brother!

Leezar spins around...Thadeous ducks out of sight.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
This is no good. I try to make this fun and no one is cooperating. Now, I will make it un-fun.
(MORE)

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
Tie, the Girl, the Fag, and the Chimp up. They're coming with us. Then agitate the sea sloth. Let them all drown! Do you hear me Thadeous? If you want to see your friends again, you know where to find me Prince, MOUNT DEATH! Ball's in your court!

Leezar smiles to himself.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
That actually makes me feel a lot better.

Leezar mounts a fang boar, and flies off.

Courtney, Boremont, and Isabel are tied with magical rope emitting from the tips of the warlocks' wands. They're bound tight and tossed onto the back of a grunting Fang Bore.

The Warlocks mount up. The Fang Boars take flight, soaring through the air right over Thadeous' hiding head.

The remaining fang boars SHOOT FLAMES INTO THE SEA SLOTH'S FACE, causing it to SCREAM AND THRASH, which in turn causes:

ICE CITY to crumble, and SHAKE, and crack! Everyone screams! People dive into the sea as the great city shatters, the sea sloth breaking free!

As the city breaks apart, people grab onto what they can...Erosteroast a barrel, five elves a dead cyclops, and Thadeous a bar stool...

The sea sloth breaks free of its chains, screams, and descends into the sea with a mighty crash!

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. THE SHORES OF AMPERSANDS - MORNING

Thadeous is lying face down on the beach of the Jungles of Ampersands, the waves lapping at his body. Slowly, he wakes, sand on his face.

He stands confused, and looks from the beach to the green, green thick jungle behind him.

THADEOUS
Where am I?

He scratches his head, and flinches when he scratches the huge LUMP BRUISE on his forehead.

Thadeous curses to no one in particular.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
'Oh, here's a marvelous idea! Let's all try to do something impossible that will get ourselves killed by evil wizards and weird beast people!'

Whether it's the exhaustion or the guilt, Thadeous is on the verge of an all out meltdown.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
To hell with heroes! You hear me! A lot of good being dead will do you!

Thadeous slumps onto his rump against a troll sized MUSHROOM and finally takes a deep breath. Almost immediately, the tension seems to drain from his body as he takes in the lulling air of the wood.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
I mean really, did they expect I, Thadeous, son of Tallious, Prince of Doobery, to simply waltz my way into certain death. Come now...

Already Thadeous is more at ease, whatever guilt that might have actually nagged at him evaporating with each breath.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
It's nice. Nice night. Really nice.

Somewhere ahead, deep within the mists-

VOICE (O.S.)
Teeheehee...

Thadeous perks his ear, peering into the fog.

THADEOUS
I say, is someone there?

VOICE (O.S.)
Teeheehee...

A strange smile creeps to Thadeous' lips.

THADEOUS
Who is that? Is thoust hiding? Be this a game?

VOICE (O.S.)
Hoohoohoo...

THADEOUS
Well then, let us see what is to be seen.

Thadeous stands and suddenly looks completely refreshed, clothes fresh and clean, everything seemingly just fine. Everything except for the pupils of his wide eyes which are popping and spiraling with radiant colors like some sort of psychedelic kaleidoscope.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Here I come. I'm gonna get you.

Thadeous lazily moves forward and with each step a fresh bunch of VIVIDLY COLORED MUSHROOMS magically springs beneath his feet as he ventures forth into the inviting haze of Ampersands.

EXT. AMPERSANDS. NIGHT, DAY, WHO KNOWS?

A wide smile of wonder is plastered across the prince's face beneath the firework like pupils dancing in his eyes. Around him the plant life has become stranger and stranger, mossier and mossier, fungi everywhere.

Somewhere ahead Thadeous hears the faintest hint of CHILDISH LAUGHTER.

THADEOUS
I'm going to find thee.

Thadeous comes to a fork in the path, split by an enormous mushroom.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Be a dear and giveth me a tincey-wincey hintsy. Which way?

The mushroom obliges leaning towards the left. Thadeous nods and starts to head left but stops short.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Thou wouldn't be playing the prince of Doobery for a fool would thee?

At this the mushroom actually seems to shrug and nod finally leaning towards the right. Thadeous looks to the right with playful suspicion.

VOICE (O.S.)
Teehee...

THADEOUS
Ha. Try and fool me.

With that Thadeous marches headfirst into the MUSHROOM and dissolves within it!

PAST THE GREAT MUSHROOM...

With a wet, sucking splat, Thadeous stumbles face first out the other side of the MUSHROOM covered in slime. Rolling over Thadeous is suddenly completely CLEAN again and lying upon a soft bed of TINY MUSHROOMS which all begin to vibrate and tickle him!

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Hahahaha! Stop that you little ones!

Just then the TINY MUSHROOMS, vibrating madly now, burst into the air creating tiny explosions of wildly colored spores which fill the air around him.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Sparkly...

Thadeous stares, completely rapt, at the display.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Again! Again!

VOICE (O.S.)
But what about me?

THADEOUS
Aha!

WHOOSH! Thadeous looks to his left only to find the recently disturbed fog spiralling. He rises to investigate.

Behind him - WHOOSH! Thadeous turns around. Nothing. Behind him again - WHOOSH!

VOICE (BEHIND THEM)
Oh my wicked little bean!

And again Thad turns as his unseen taunter continues round and round.

THADEOUS
Show thyself! Tis the Prince of Doobery who commands thee.

VOICE (DIRECTLY BEHIND HIM)
Oh my hairy Bruce. How positively whorish of you...

Thadeous spins around-

There seated upon a MAGIC CARPET splays the chubbiest pile of baby soft, pink as nipples, dirty cherub looking MAN-BABY ever seen who happens to be NUDE except for a LEATHER DIAPER and a VELVET HEAD WRAP.

MARTEETEE
Marteetee's what, dirty, dirty bean.

THADEOUS
Marteetee?

But suddenly MARTEETEE'S EYES roll like a slot machine, a new and DIFFERENT PAIR staring back at Thadeous.

THE LITTLE LORD
Who hath disturbed The Little Lord?

Thadeous stops short, confused.

THADEOUS
Listen, Marteetee-

Suddenly the Little Lord is screaming and twirling!

THE LITTLE LORD
Do not speaketh that name to me!

THADEOUS
Marteet-

Again with the screaming, but suddenly the EYES flip again.

MARTEETEE
Welcome to Ampersand. Marteetee accepts!

THADEOUS
You accept what?

MARTEETEE
Why your love, silly bean.

THADEOUS
I'm afraid tis is not my way, Marteetee.

CA-CHING! Eyes flip again.

THE LITTLE LORD
Marteetee is not here...

Thadeous cocks his head, slowly catching on that this strange BEING might be a tad BI. As in polar. Probably fucks dudes too.

THADEOUS
Forgive me, Little Lord.

Thadeous bows but when he raises his head the eyes have flipped yet again.

MARTEETEE
Oh my Bruce. Such manly manners.

THADEOUS
Um... Marteetee...

Marteetee nods.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Right, yes. I am Thadeous of Doobery and it would seem that I am...

Thadeous stops short, looking utterly confused.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
What I mean to say is that I have come from... Wait. Where was I? Let's see, no, wait. Never mind! What tis important tis...

Thadeous is completely confused and seemingly suffering from amnesia.

MARTEETEE
Oh me Bruce. Strain thy brain further no more. Marteetee is all that tis needed ever forth...

Thadeous stares into those hypnotic eyes. POOF!

INT. BANQUET HALL - DAY

Suddenly Thadeous is seated at a massive banquet table staring at the biggest feast even his spoiled eyes have seen.

MARTEETEE
...For you are home!!!

Thadeous' salivates with gluttonous hunger.

MARTEETEE (CONT'D)
Are we hungry my little bean?

Thadeous nods, delirious with hunger while Marteetee gives an EYE ROLLING CONVULSION behind him, reverting.

THE LITTLE LORD
Oh yes! The Little Lord does not like to eat alone! No, no, no.

Thadeous dives into the food.

MARTEETEE
And drink! Oh yes, drink!

Suddenly goblets of wine and mead appear before him and Thad partakes with growing fervor.

MARTEETEE (CONT'D)
And smoke my saucy one! Smoke!

SLO-MO : Thadeous' turns, wine dripping from his lips, mouth stuffed with SUCCULENT MEAT which topples out as his eyes fall upon a sight so heavenly that tears begin to brim.

MARTEETEE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Yes Thadeous! Yes! Tis all yours!

Rising out of the center of the table is a massive hooka, it's arm like tubes writhing like snakes.

MARTEETEE (CONT'D)
Yesssssss... Forget all that troubles thee... You can rest now... You can stay... With me... Foreverrrrrrrrr...

THE MOST TRIPPED OUT MONTAGE EVER : As Thadeous inhales deeply his EYE seems to grow, larger and larger as his iris explodes into a KALEIDOSCOPE FIREWORK, exploding over and over, the DARK PUPIL growing to fill everything in its black void. There floating in space is a GIANT OCTOPUS which glows with ever changing colors until it has morphed into a MAY POLE where, much to Thadeous' delight, Boremont and Courtney are dancing around it, the RIBBONS morphing into the TUBES OF THE HOOKA.

Thadeous tears himself away, eyes still popping like fireworks.

THADEOUS
What is this?

Thadeous rubs his eyes, coming out of his haze and for the briefest of moments the whole world shimmers, and the vast banquet disappears to reveal a swampy mire.

ISABEL
Thadeous... My love...

The scene before him shimmers again, replacing the mire with an enormous BED, littered with LACY PILLOWS and SURROUNDED BY THOUSANDS OF FLOATING CANDLES. Thadeous slowly turns to find Isabel hovering in the air before him.

THADEOUS
Isabel...

Only this ain't the same ol' tough as nails Isabel. Wearing an outrageously revealing TEDDY that seems to pulse with all the colors of the spectrum, Isabel places her hands upon Thadeous' face.

ISABEL
I want you Thadeous... I need you...

Slowly she draws him forward. As she does her BUST seems to actually grow out to meet his slackjawed face.

ISABEL (CONT'D)
You are home my dear. My prince. My king.

And with that Thadeous falls into her cleavage, completely giving over to the lust.

ISABEL (CONT'D)
Yes! Take me! Take me!

As Thadeous slavers over her heaving chest his eyes suddenly fixate on a certain spot. Her scar. Where's her scar?

ISABEL/MARTEETEE
TAKE ME!

Suddenly his eyes go wide as he realizes...

EXT. DEEP IN AMPERSAND - DAY

...that he is nursing from the CHERUBIC MAGICIAN'S MAN-BOOB!

THADEOUS
AWAY FROM ME YOU DASTARDLY MAN LOVER!

Thaddeous rips himself from Marteetee's flabby embrace.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Are you mad?! What have you mistaken me for?!

MARTEETEE
Marteetee mistakes you for nothing. Tis the Little Lord that--

The CRAZY EYES ROLL AGAIN and the Little Lord laughs!

LITTLE LORD
You wish to leave but you may not! A riddle of three--

Thadeous shoves the Little Lord away, toppling him from his precious MAGIC CARPET! Marteetee is back.

MARTEETEE
Wha-NOOOOOO! My carpet!

Thadeous kicks the pudgy Magician fiercely in his FAT ASS, somersaulting Marteetee further away.

THADEOUS
Show me the way out of Ampersand or I will rip your precious carpet into pieces!

MARTEETEE
Marteetee needs his carpet, my bean. Marteetee never learned to walk.

Marteetee tries to walk but can't. He just lies there like a fat slob.

MARTEETEE (CONT'D)
Show Marteetee kindness, that is all he seeks from you.

THADEOUS
Kindness by trickery and illusions? You deceive me creature!

MARTEETEE
My precious bean, Marteetee only wishes you to have exactly what you desire whenever you desire it. Sit back and forget your quest...all you've ever wanted is in the air that you breath here in Ampersands.

Thadeous takes a deep whiff of the green haze...it sends his eyes rolling back for a moment. He holds his hand out and a mug of cold mead appears. He drinks it, ahhhh.

MARTEETEE (CONT'D)
Very good, bean. Drink more. There is nothing to do today but be merry! This is your paradise!

Marteetee moves closer reaching for the carpet.

Thadeous snaps to and jerks the carpet away.

MARTEETEE (CONT'D)
Give me my carpet, bean!

Marteetee screams and the EYES ROLL.

THE LITTLE LORD
The Little Lord thinks you shall stay! Just like the others that have come this way!

The Little Lord starts laughing hysterically.

The Haze clears for a moment and Thadeous sees that there are hundreds of armed adventurers passed the hell out...their faces sunken and gaunt, their bodies emaciated and wrinkled. Spiderwebs and forest grow over their bodies...they're so stoned they don't even notice.

Thadeous backs away...he bumps into more PASSED OUT OVER GROWN ADVENTURERS. They're too stoned to even reach for him.

The Little Lord continues to laugh.

THADEOUS
Little Lord! I want out of here. Tell Marteetee--

THE LITTLE LORD
Do not say his--

THADEOUS
Do not say yourself, you crazy figgery fucko! Go inside your fat head and tell who ever you have to tell that I am getting the fuck out of here right now. And I need directions!

The Little Lord blinks.

THE LITTLE LORD
Uh, hold ye for one second.

HIS EYES ROLL BACK to just white. For a moment he is neither Marteetee nor the Little Lord...just a fat blob humming elevator music while a decision inside is being made.

THE EYES ROLL BACK...revealing Marteetee.

MARTEETEE
Very well. You seek to leave this forest. Well I can help, my bean. If you wish to go home, all you must do is walk through that door.

Just then a door out of nowhere stands in mid air. The Door opens on its own, revealing behind it his Kingdom.

Thadeous stands, letting the warm sunlight shine upon his face.

THADEOUS
Doobery. My home. Ah, to be bathed by my chamber maids. A cold pint at The Horse's Piss.

Thadeous smiles he takes another step froward...then stops. He remembers. He turns back to Marteetee.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
I can't go home. Not yet.

The door shuts and THE EYES ROLL...

THE LITTLE LORD
Go where you will.

Thadeous turns back to the door. It slowly opens revealing a mountain peak. Fang Boars soar in the air. A mighty fort perched at the top.

MARTEETEE
Why you'd want to go all the way to that cold cold place, my bean, when you could stay here and have everything you ever wanted is beyond me.

THADEOUS
Marteetee, it sounds great. But I've been doing whatever I want for a long time now and I can't say I'm too happy where it's gotten me. No offense. It's time I stop doing what I want and start doing what's right.

Thadeous steps forward.

THE LITTLE LORD
The Carpet, sir! He demands it!

THE EYES ROLL.

MARTEETEE
Please, my bean.

Thadeous lets go of the magic carpet and it quickly soars through the air and under its master where it belongs. Marteetee pets the rug and kisses it. Thadeous watches him disgusted.

MARTEETEE (CONT'D)
Doing what ever you want all the time is not all bad. Is it carpet? Is it?

Marteetee dry humps the carpet and slobbers on it.

THADEOUS
Looks fun, but I must finish my quest.

MARTEETEE
Then what are you waiting for?

Marteetee blows Thadeous a kiss that knocks him through the open door...

CUT TO:

EXT. MOUNT DEATH ENCHANTED GARDENS. DAY

Thadeous falls through the air...the doorway letting him out about ten feet off the ground. He screams and then lands with a thud on the cold snow.

THADEOUS
Owww, my back. My back. Shit. Oh My God. Rescue off. I can't breathe!

Thadeous sits up.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Oh God. Okay, I can breathe again. I think I just got the wind knocked out of me. Okay. Rescue back on.

Thadeous springs up.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
HOOP OF DOOM.

Thadeous kicks the Hoop into the air and catches it. Up ahead at the top of the summit, Leezar's Fortress.

EXT. ENCHANTED GARDEN. DAY

Boremont is wearing a dress and a bonnet. He sadly walks into the garden with his head held low. Around him various other ENCHANTED CREATURES run and play.

From the bushes...

THADEOUS
Boremont.

Boremont looks up and spots Thadeous hiding on the other side of the fence. He looks to see if the coast is clear and approaches the fence.

BOREMONT
Thadeous?

THADEOUS
Hop the fence.

BOREMONT
I can't! A dark electricity runs through it. If you touch it you'll--

ZAP! Thadeous touched the fence with his finger...he falls back in a flash...his whole hand falling limp...followed by his whole arm. His eyes are crossed.

BOREMONT (CONT'D)
...be rendered IMMOBILE! Thadeous you fool!

THADEOUS
Oh my god, the fence killed my hand, oh god my whole body is going numb, I can't feel my neck. Oh God, who turned off the music!

Thadeous drops to the ground, muscles and dumb wide eyed expression frozen.

BOREMONT
Terrific, now you'll be paralyzed for at least two hours.

Thadeous barely able to move his lips is completely stiff on the ground.

THADEOUS
Curses! Why didn't you warn me?! I'm sorry it's not your fault. It's my fault. It's time to take responsibility for my own stupid actions. And I'm gonna start by saying a big "I'm sorry" to you. Seriously. I'm sorry that I've been such a bruce to you when you've just been trying to help and you're dealing with your own stuff too. Sorry I wasn't understanding.

BOREMONT
Have you lost your mind? Why did you come back here?!

THADEOUS
I came to rescue you and the others!

Boremont looks through the fence at the immobile lump frozen in front of him.

BOREMONT
Terrific. I'll get my things.

THADEOUS
Where's Isabel? Have any of the wizard men raped her?

BOREMONT
I've been separated from them since we arrived here. I've been made to perform for their enjoyment in a circus full of freaks.

He motions to the TWO HEADED UNICORN grazing nearby.

THADEOUS
That's horrible, Boremont. But if you had to guess about the rape... Do you think it's probably a Yes? They have raped her? Or a No? I hope it's a No. I really am falling for her but if she got raped by those wizards...I'll be honest, I don't know if mentally I'm prepared for something like that. There's a part of me that would always wonder...did she like it? At some moment did her desires betray her?

BOREMONT
Stay quiet. Someone is coming!

Boremont turns his back to Thadeous...

CINDERS and BUTTLECHAPS enter the area, looking like Siegfried and Roy but the DARK ELF version.

Thadeous watches from the shadows as the strange pair round up all the MAGICAL CREATURES by blowing a small whistle that's ear piercing.

CINDERS
Monkey, don't you hear Buttlechaps whistling?! You come when Buttlechaps whistles!

Boremont turns...

BOREMONT
They're holding her in the church at the center of town...Courtney as well.

CINDERS
Monkey, I will spank you!

BOREMONT
I pray they do not find you in this state.

THADEOUS
Don't worry about me. This is a minor set back. I'm on it!
(MORE)

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
I will free her regardless of what has happened, and I will free Courtney, and then I will free you...

Cinders claps and Boremont finally follows.

Thadeous is left alone. He looks up to the heavens, completely paralyzed.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
...somehow.

INT. LEEZAR'S LAIR. DAY

Courtney is strung up above a dark hole. A Warlock takes a bucket filled with a dark liquid and tosses it on Courtney.

Courtney spits it out of his mouth, disgusted.

COURTNEY
I beg your pardon!

He's covered in the dark goo...he takes a whiff and nearly vomits.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
What is this foul stench you've thrown upon me?

LEEZAR
Where is the hoop?

COURTNEY
Please, I've told you already. We hid the hoop in the swamps.

LEEZAR
Of course you did, and I assume you'd have me go search there only to find you've lead me straight into a snatch bitch den.

COURTNEY
I've told you all I know.

LEEZAR
To answer your question, which I believe was "What is this foul stench you've thrown upon me?' it's Siren's blood. Sometimes known to cause certain creatures to behave very strangely.

COURTNEY
What have you done to me?!

LEEZAR
Oh I've done nothing to you. It's the pixies I'd be worried about. The scent of this blood is known to drive them mad.

Leezar nods to one of his cohorts who throws a lever...the sound of a a metal door opening deep below the hole is heard...a cold draft of air seeps from deep.

Courtney shivers.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
They say it sends them into a violent psychopathic rage. I guess we'll see...

And then in a blast, hundreds of mean-looking mutated pixies come billowing out of the hole like a swarm of angry bees. They catch the scent...the tiny swarm launches into a full on assault of the scented Courtney. Kicking, punching, and biting him all over.

Leezar and his warlocks laugh.

A PAGE ENTERS...

PAGE
Sir, the show is ready.

LEEZAR
Wonderful.

CUT TO:

INT. LEEZAR'S EVIL NIGHTCLUB. NIGHT

Isabel wearing next to nothing comes out on stage with a bunch of other BEAUTIFUL VIRGINS. They begin to do a well choreographed musical number.

The Lyrics are all about Leezar coming to town and taking shit over. Sung like a Broadway show tune. Even Isabel has been taught to sing along.

Leezar and his men and for some reason two ROWS OF JAPANESE TOURISTS watch the live entertainment.

Then on stage all the lights are shining and the set opens to reveal Boremont and the other MAGICAL CREATURES doing their own choreographed cha-cha.

Boremont catches Isabel's attention while he dances by. He whispers...

BOREMONT
Thadeous is here.

He says it too low...she can't hear. Their dancing lines come close again.

ISABEL
What?

All the magical creatures take off their top hats and wave them while turning...Boremont waves his hat and speaks out of the corner of his mouth.

BOREMONT
Thadeous is here.

ISABEL
He's here?!

EXT. MOUNT DEATH, BACK ENTRANCE. NIGHT

TWO GUARDS walk through perimeter of the fort and right past Thadeous who's still paralyzed in the field.

He looks up to the bright stars.

THADEOUS
Oh, would this be how I end? To have wasted all these years and then the moment I learn the true meaning of life I'm rendered incapable of doing absolutely anything about it? Cruel, cruel fates--

And then...a white glow dances up above...tiny like a distant star and then growing bigger and bigger till its warm glow covers all of his frozen body.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Wow. This is super weird and there is absolutely nothing I can do about it.

VOICE
Be Still, my son. Be still.

EXT. WHITE FIELD. NO TIME

Thadeous is laying on the ground...blinding white light shines all around him. The wind begins to pick up, swirling about him and in a burst of energy from the blinding light emerges...THADEOUS' FAIRY GODMOTHER, who bears a striking resemblance to Thadeous' real mom.

FAIRY GODMOTHER
Be still. There is no need to panic, I am watching over you, my sweet prince.

Thadeous recognizes her...he can barely speak.

THADEOUS
You're...you're my--

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Fairy Godmother? Are you sure you're here for me?

GODMOTHER
Yes, Thadeous. I'm your Fairy Godmother.

THADEOUS
So I do have a Fairy Godmother.

GODMOTHER
Of course you do, my sweet boy.

THADEOUS
Well why the hell didn't you come to me any sooner? Like maybe when we got into that troll dinner theater mess...or I don't know any fucking time in the last two weeks!

GODMOTHER
You got this far without my help. And you've come to exactly the place you need to be. Stand up and walk, Thadeous. You are stronger than that curse.

Thadeous tries...he can't...he tries again...and suddenly he slowly rises up. He's stiff as shit but he can move. He stands on both feet. He stiffly holds his arms up in victory.

THADEOUS
I can move!

The Fairy Godmother comes in close and smiles at Thadeous.

FAIRY GODMOTHER
Then move quick, my son. More than the safety of your friends is at stake tonight. The Balance of all the land rests upon your shoulders.

THADEOUS
Great. No pressure what so ever.

The glowing light begins to disappear and his Fairy Godmother begins to as well.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Wait, what?! You're going?

FAIRY GODMOTHER
It's time for you to follow your fate. Goodbye, my son, and good luck. I will always be with you.

She waves goodbye to him, and the glow around grows. Thadeous thinks for a moment.

THADEOUS
When you say always...Are you talking about always as in when I'm making man mud in the toilet or having a wank in the shower?

FAIRY GODMOTHER
Uh--

THADEOUS
Is there a way to arrange it where you're just with me when I have my clothes on?

The light fades completely, leaving Thadeous standing on his own in the forest.

INT. MOUNT DEATH THEATER. NIGHT

The MUSICAL ACT continues. Boremont is being sung to by a FAT MAN WITH FLIPPERS...Leezar is bored.

LEEZAR
I want more!

CINDERS comes out from backstage.

CINDERS
Ah, yes, sir. What is it you'd like more of? The animals? Magic? The Girls? Or all of it!?

LEEZAR
Not your stupid show, pretzel cock. That was horrendous. What I want is power. And I want power right now. I've wanted it for a long long time now! Haven't I?!

Everyone on stage agrees. Cinders nods.

CINDERS
Yes, you have desired power for ages.

LEEZAR
And ages. And now I am so close to it...and yet it still eludes my grasp!

CINDERS
Perhaps I could improv some choreography for you using that struggle as its central theme.

LEEZAR
You could do that?

CINDERS
Of course, sir.

Leezar settles and sits back down. The lights dim. And then a middle earth full symphony version of I GOT THE POWER begins.

Cinders does a one man show with laser lights and tassels. Dancing to the strange cover.

LEEZAR
(whispering to himself)
I do want the power. All the power.

As he says it, the crystal ball mounted on top of his staff begins to glow blue. Leezar looks down at it as the light grows stronger.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
The Hoop...it's here.

EXT. THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT DEATH - NIGHT

Thadeous is still very stiff trying to fit in with the other warlocks.

He follows a Warlock down a dark empty alley...his hoop flashes and then Thadeous comes walking out wearing the Warlocks robes. A single smear of blood across his cheek.

He wipes it off and moves toward the church.

EXT. THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT DEATH - NIGHT

Leezar and his men move through the crowd. Leezar's staff is glowing brightly.

LEEZAR
The hoop is here. It's very close. Spread out...

The men scatter into the crowd. Leezar holds the wand up...following the path that makes the orb glow the most.

He rounds a corner and runs smack dab into Thadeous. His wand falls to the ground...it glows brightly then shatters.

Leezar is fuming. He looks up into Thadeous' face.

THADEOUS
I am so sorry about that. You really took that corner fast.

LEEZAR
Who are you? Are you a member of the brotherhood?

THADEOUS
Yes. Of course I am. Look at the robes. I made these.

Leezar and his men stare Thadeous down.

LEEZAR
Excuse me if I seem rude. It's not that I don't trust you, dear friend. It's just that I have to be absolutely sure. You do understand?

THADEOUS
Of course.

LEEZAR
Just to be sure. Please sing for us the hymn of the dark brotherhood.

THADEOUS
The hymn of the who?

LEEZAR
Do not be bashful. Sing to us!

Leezar steps back with his men, clearing a stage for Thadeous. He urges Thadeous forward.

THADEOUS
So just--

All the warlocks aim their wands at him.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Easy. Just asking you guys if you prefer it slow or fast?

LEEZAR
What does this mean? Just recite for us the song. Or reveal yourself a traitor!

THADEOUS
Be cool.

Thadeous starts snapping his fingers and does a little dance.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
(singing)
The Brotherhood...we are some bad mother fuckers and we kill people and do bad shit. Getting drunk on Blood. Getting wasted, son! On Blood.

He finishes big. It looks like they might have dug it.

LEEZAR
I'm sorry. That's incorrect.

In a flash, Leezar sends a bolt out of his wand as do the rest of the Warlocks. Thadeous reacts quick...or was it the hoop? It spins around his waist faster than light...the spells bouncing off with ease.

Thadeous sees his moment and goes for it. He darts behind a carriage and scales the wall. Heading for the theater.

Leezar and his men move quick.

INT. MOUNT DEATH THEATER. NIGHT

The Magical Creatures and Virgins are all getting restless. Cinders and Buttlechaps try to keep them quiet.

Boremont makes his way through the crowd to Isabel.

BOREMONT
What should we do?

ISABEL
Decide which of those two we kill first.

BOREMONT
Shall we begin a revolt?

Buttlechaps blows his whistle and all the animals fall in. Boremont doesn't move. Cinders catches this.

CINDERS
Monkey, shall I spank you!? Do you not hear Buttlechaps whistle?!

Isabel grabs Cinders and puts him down quick. Buttlechaps swallows the whistle and chokes to death. The animals eat Cinders.

Isabel turns to the Virgins.

ISABEL
Now, my fellow women! Storm from these doors never to return again. Free! And on your way there hurt as many of them as you can!!

The Virgins just look at her.

Just then Leezar and his men appear in the center aisle. Leezar moves right for Isabel...she tries to run but he catches her with just his stare. He lifts her into the air.

LEEZAR
Like a fool, the real Prince has arrived to save you, his love! How completely predictable!

Leezar winks at another warlock who throws a switch that turns a huge mural of the land into a spiked wall. Leezar moves Isabel in the air closer and closer to the sharp spikes. She's helpless.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
And I'd be lying if I didn't say this was unfolding exactly how I thought it would.

Leezar floats her back and forth in the air...as if magically dancing with her. With each swing bringing her closer and closer to the sharp spiked wall.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
I know you're in here, Thadeous.

Thadeous ducks down behind a row of seats in the rear.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
So listen up! That hoop is my destiny, and you stole it. But all will work out as planned. You see, the fates are never wrong. And the fates have placed a very important job in my hands. And with that hoop I will achieve what I must do.

Leezar makes Isabel's body float quickly and stop right in front of him.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
"But what is it you must do, Leezar?" Is that what you're thinking, my dear?

Thadeous searches for an opportunity.

ISABEL
Let me go you pig!

LEEZAR
Gladly.

Leezar slings her across the room directly towards the spiked wall with many a dead prisoner stuck on its sharp blades.

Thadeous dives through the air and catches her. The momentum sends them both sliding across the floor in a knot.

THADEOUS
Oh shit...that hurt, Oh God, what was I thinking?!

They skid to a stop inches from the spikes.

ISABEL
You came back for me?

He nods.

THADEOUS
I'd say more but I think my nuts have split in pairs. Oh God.

Leezar rises into the air and lands in front of Thadeous and Isabel. His warlocks surround them.

LEEZAR
Pleasure to finally meet you properly. I'm assuming you're Thadeous.

Thadeous untangles himself from Isabel and stands.

THADEOUS
And what if I was?

LEEZAR
Well then we'd have a lot to talk about.

THADEOUS
Oh yea? Well then guess what. We're talking. Let the girl go. I'm the one that you want. Take me in her place.

LEEZAR
Nice. How about we take you and we just keep her. How about that?

THADEOUS
That doesn't really work for me.

LEEZAR
Well, I'm sorry then.

The warlocks pull them away from each other. Captured.

LEEZAR (CONT'D)
Now then...the hoop, Thadeous. Or else this time, unlike all the other times I have almost killed her and then she's survived by the narrowest of margins, she will die. Give me the Hoop.

THADEOUS
It won't work for you. I'm the one who killed the spider creature.

LEEZAR
Yes. And so the hoop goes to you. Then when I kill you the hoop goes to me. That's how it goes.

THADEOUS
Oh. So you basically have to kill me for this thing to go off successful for you.

LEEZAR
Yes.

THADEOUS
Okay, this is good stuff to know when we're striking a deal. Now that I see what the stakes are I think my offer to you has changed. Yes, instead of taking me in place of the girl...I think me and her are just going to walk out of here both for free. Sans Gratis.

LEEZAR
Amuse me. How do you plan on doing that?

THADEOUS
Now BOREMONT! NOW!

Everyone turns around. Boremont is just standing there totally caught by surprise. He's not sure what he's supposed to do.

Thadeous just looks at him...disappointed.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
That's it? You got nothing for me?

Leezar chuckles and steps away turning back to Thadeous.

LEEZAR
The funniest thing happened to your little friend. He was murdered! By an angry mob of pixies! I guess it doesn't pay to be friends with your family does it?

Thadeous stares hard at him.

THADEOUS
HOOP OF DOOM!

The Hoop appears and Thadeous instantly whips the hoop fast as shit around his waist...the initial speed throws everybody off of them. The quick spin keeping them at bay.

Thadeous starts whipping the hoop faster. Everyone drops back and holds their ears except Leezar. He takes pleasure from the ringing.

LEEZAR
Thank you, Thadeous! Thank you!

THADEOUS
I'm going to destroy you once and for all! Why the hell are you thanking me?!

LEEZAR
Because you're doing exactly what I wanted to do.

Thadeous spins the hoop even faster...the hum growing louder...the ground beginning to shake.

THADEOUS
And what's that?!

Suddenly the ground beneath their feet begins to crack...

It throws Thadeous' rhythm off. The Hoop skips a beat and circles around his legs to the ground.

LEEZAR
You've broken the seal.

Leezar chuckles and in a flash is gone. The ground beneath Thadeous cracks wide open, huts and warlocks dropping into the deep bubbling volcano that lies below.

Steam and heat vapors seep out.

Isabel grabs Thadeous and hurls him to safety as the ground beneath him gives way. Thadeous grabs onto the ledge and Boremont helps him up.

Isabel leaps over another fissure and lands next to them. The Three united.

THADEOUS
What's happened?!

BOREMONT
Leezar was seeking to raise the demon Barbeques. Centuries ago he'd been sealed away beneath this enchanted stone. The Hoop is the only weapon strong enough to break the seal.

THADEOUS
So what's happening isn't a good thing?

BOREMONT
No!

Just then the ground beneath cracks open. They almost tumble into the lava, they grab on to a beam...from the depths of the lava below...a loud SHRIEK.

ISABEL
Go you fools!!

EXT. LEEZAR'S LAIR. NIGHT

Thadeous, Isabel, and Boremont burst out of the lair as it's swallowed into the growing crevice. The ground beneath their feet begins to quake.

And then in an explosion of stone and heat...BARBEQUES erupts from the depths of the volcano. He soars high into the heavens leaving a dizzying hole flowing with lave and steam.

THADEOUS
What the fuck was that?

Then the dragon swoops down, bearing right back for the earth. His gills take in a flutter of air and then it's might jaws open letting forth a stream of fire scorching the earth.

They dive for cover.

The Fang Boars even run for cover but they're not fast enough.

The Dragon swats them into the ground and tosses them with ease into its open mouth...setting the roofs ablaze with it's burp.

The Warlocks drop down on their knees in front of the dragon and begin bowing.

WARLOCKS
Oh great one! You have come back!

The Dragon stomps on them and eats them.

INT. DUNGEON. NIGHT

The Pixies have lost some steam since we last saw them. They're tired out. A few give Courtney half-hearted flying kicks, but one by one they start flying back down the hole...worn out.

The last pixie spits on him and flies away.

Courtney is left hanging upside down all alone..bruised and battered badly. His lips and nose are busted up big. Both eyes swollen.

COURTNEY
Well sir, it has been a pleasure serving you. Not sure where you are now. Perhaps home drunk. Wherever it may be. I hope you appreciate the sacrifice that has been made on your behalf. I now go to sleep to join my ancestors. The sleep of ages.

From the door a giggle. Courtney opens his eyes and sees Thadeous standing there.

THADEOUS
I'm sorry, dude. I tried not to laugh. It's just...you're so sincere.

COURTNEY
What are you doing here?

THADEOUS
I came back for you, dude.

COURTNEY
For me?

THADEOUS
Well mainly for Isabel, but a big part you too. A little part.

COURTNEY
I don't know what to say.

THADEOUS
Don't say anything. You're blowing blood bubbles every time you speak, it's making me nauseous. Let me get you down!

Thadeous hits the lever closing the hole beneath Courtney and then begins spinning the Hoop Of Doom on his outstretched arm. The hoop slices the rope and Courtney falls hard right to the ground.

Thadeous leans down and picks up his beaten body.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
What happened to you?

COURTNEY
It doesn't matter. All that matters is that you're okay. Are you okay, sir?

THADEOUS
Yea, I'm okay. I'm not really sure if Isabel is as in to me as I am to her. But the rescue seems to be...I'm just kidding. Shall we get the fuck out of here?

COURTNEY
Yes sir, that would be fantastic.

THADEOUS
Get ready...there's a big ass dragon out here.

EXT. THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT DEATH. NIGHT

The screams of the dead and dying echo from all over the fiery scene. Thadeous, Courtney, Boremont, and Isabel are running through the streets towards the stables.

BOREMONT
Isabel! The Lock!

Without breaking stride Isabel has notched her BOW and fired, the arrow flying true, straight into the lock! CA-CHINK!

The Stable doors swing open, revealing Four Horses.

ISABEL
Finally some luck.

And then Leezar emerges from behind them.

THADEOUS
You again!

LEEZAR
You're not going to stay for the show?

He moves quick...cutting Thadeous off from the rest of the group.

THADEOUS
You're a mad man! If it's-

The Blade of a large Battle Axe slices Leezar in two at his waist. He has the oddest look on his face and then...his top half slides onto the ground. His legs remain standing.

Wielding the Battle Axe...a beaten Courtney.

COURTNEY
I'm sorry. I just couldn't hear another fucking monologue about how god damn wicked and cold he is.

THADEOUS
Well done, Courtney.

Thadeous gets them all onto the horses.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Start down the mountain...I will meet you there!

ISABEL
Meet us?

BOREMONT
Sir, the Volcano will take what the beast doesn't. You must flee now!

THADEOUS
I've caused all of this and it is my duty to fix it.

Isabel hops off her horse.

ISABEL
If you are staying. Then so am I. I promised you I'd get you out of the valley.

Boremont jumps off his horse.

BOREMONT
I also will stay!

COURTNEY
As will I!

Courtney jumps off and just falls into a pile. Still really hurt.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
Okay, maybe I'll just watch and take diligent notes.

Thadeous smiles at them.

THADEOUS
You are true friends. And I am glad that I have had this time with you.

With that Thadeous ignites the Hoop and, with two well placed hip shots, topples several boulders, barricading himself from his companions.

ISABEL
NOOOOOOO-

Her scream is cut off as the last boulder settles, leaving Thadeous alone upon the narrow out cropping, miles above the burning land below him.

Thadeous closes his eyes and takes a deep breath.

THADEOUS
I could really go for a deep goblet of mead! Mmmmm...

Suddenly, even further up, the Dragon swoops around the mountain, talons clutching a baker's dozen of screaming people, which upon finding a nice cliff to land, are quickly devoured.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
I hope you enjoyed your meal...

Still licking its dragon lips the beast turns to find the Prince standing their below.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
...for it tis your last!!!

At that the beast launches itself into a complete nose dive, wings tucked against its body for maximum velocity.

Thad sighs to himself and then looks up at the horrific abomination plummeting towards him.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
This was a really bad idea.

Boremont, Isabel, and Courtney see him standing their heroically.

COURTNEY
Tis the bravest thing I've ever seen him do.

BOREMONT
He carries on his family's name with honor.

ISABEL
I think I may be in love with him.

Thadeous is a hero for the ages, spinning the hoop like mad...The Dragon swoops down and in one large chomp eats Thadeous hole.

They're all dead silent. The Dragon burps flames and then lands in the rubble...searching for more remains to chow on.

COURTNEY
He's gone.

ISABEL
It can't be.

Prince Thadeous is gone, and Barbeques the Dragon sets the rest of the village ablaze.

THUMP!!! A single ground shaking tremor and the trio turn to find the dragon has landed directly behind them!

The beast wastes no time, puffing its chest as it inhales, hocking up one monster of a flame to charbroil his next vittles.

Then a strange expression comes across his face. He stops and lets out a moan.

Just then light explodes from out of Barbeques mouth from deep within...then a sonic boom!

The Dragon's entire belly bursts open sending dragon guts and half digested warlocks everywhere.

And there amongst the bloody carnage...

Thadeous!!! Floating in a brilliant orb of light caused by the gyroscopic spinning hoop of doom!!!

EXT. THE VALLEY. MORNING

Covered in blood and ash the foursome rides out of the valley into the morning sunlight. Their horses stop for a moment. The large mountain still smoldering behind them.

ISABEL
I think I've gotten you a little further than I promised.

THADEOUS
You're not going to split after all that are you?

ISABEL
My quest calls me to the south marshes. We both knew this time...

Thadeous leans in and kisses her.

THADEOUS
I get it. The world doesn't revolve around me. There's tons of other shit happening out there all the time.

Boremont shakes his head and nods proudly.

ISABEL
I won't forget you, prince.

THADEOUS
I would hope not.

ISABEL
Nor you Boremont or you Courtney.

Courtney is bruised and bloody...he gives a weak thumbs up.

ISABEL (CONT'D)
Until our paths meet again.

She kisses him this time. Long and sweet. And when she's done she turns and leaves...the Prince speechless for once, watches her go.

She waves to them and in a quick gallop, she's gone. Thadeous wipes a tear from his eye.

BOREMONT
Is thou alright sir?

THADEOUS
Me? Of course. Think I just got a little warlock ash in my eye. Not a big deal.

BOREMONT
Of course sir.

Thadeous fights his tears back. Gets a hold of himself.

THADEOUS
Kind of sad though isn't it. Kind of wish the quest could go on for a little longer.

BOREMONT
I know what you mean, Thadeous. Often my heart is heavy at the end of a quest. You know if you feel up for it, there is the rare lotus snake in the cave of wonderment who's blood holds the key to changing me back into a man. We could stop by there..it's on the way.

THADEOUS
Nah...let's just get home.

The three ride off into the sunset together.

INT. THE ROYAL HALL. AFTERNOON

Fabious and Tallious are playing a solemn game of chess.

TALLIOUS
I fear that it is all my fault. Perhaps I should have listened to him. Perhaps he really wasn't ready for a quest.

FABIOUS
We must not lose hope, father. Fabious is a resourceful--

Just then A ROYAL GUARD bursts into the hall.

GUARD 1
Sir, you must come at once!

EXT. THE ROYAL WATCH TOWER. DAY

The King and Fabious look at to the horizon with the rest of the guards. They see the shadow of the three lone riders approaching.

The Guard hands The King the telescope. The King looks through the lens and instantly drops it.

EXT. THE ROYAL CASTLE. DAY

Thadeous, Boremont, and Courtney arrive in front of the gates...the drawbridge lowers revealing...

The entire kingdom is assembled. Tallious and Fabious in the front.

MAIDEN 1
It's Prince Thadeous!!

The whole Kingdom erupts into cheers. Tallious and Fabious can't believe their eyes. Everyone is cheering. Boremont and Courtney look to Thadeous...

THADEOUS
Are they clapping for me?

COURTNEY
Yes sir.

Thadeous pauses and lets it soak in.

THADEOUS
I could get use to this.

Thadeous holds the hoop of doom above his head for everyone to see...and the cheers grow even louder. He looks to his Dad and Brother and smiles.

INT. THE ROYAL HALL. NIGHT

The hall is decked out with food and mead. The kingdom has been restored to his former beauty. The Hall is filled with People Celebrating Thadeous' bold return.

Courtney has the crowd's attention as he recounts the tale.

COURTNEY
And then with out a sign of fear in his eye, Thadeous the brave turned and went to face the beast...the last hope for all the land...

Across the room Thadeous, Fabious, and Tallious all sit together.

TALLIOUS
You have done well, son.

FABIOUS
Your quest turned out to save the entire land and rid the world once and for all of the dark wizard.

TALLIOUS
Not a bad run for your first quest.

FABIOUS
Perhaps next time we shall take on a quest together!
(MORE)

FABIOUS (CONT'D)
We could brave the fire fields of Moltovia or defeat the sand creature in the northern deserts. A good winter quest would be nice. Ice creatures, snow queens--

THADEOUS
I'm thinking I'm just gonna take a little me time for a bit. Let the dogs sleep for a spell.

FABIOUS
Well earned, my dear brother!

TALLIOUS
Well earned, my brave son!

INT. THE ROYAL QUARTERS' OF THADEOUS - NIGHT

Courtney is pulling down Thadeous' bed for him as Thadeous brushes his teeth. Thadeous notices.

THADEOUS
Hey, Court, you don't have to do that?

COURTNEY
Do what, sir?

THADEOUS
Pull down my bed. I can do that. I'm not helpless.

Courtney can't believe it.

COURTNEY
Whatever you desire, master. Can I do anything else for you...like prepare you a cup of warm milk, pack you a fresh bowl.

THADEOUS
No, I can do all that on my own.

Courtney bows to him.

COURTNEY
Very well then, sir. Good night to you.

THADEOUS
Before you go...

Thadeous turns to him.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Thanks for all your help. I really couldn't have done it with out you.

COURTNEY
Nonsense, sir. It was an honor to ride with you. I can't wait to tell your tale to all the land.

The two smile and nod to each other. A new level of respect.

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
Get some rest, sir.

Courtney turns to leave.

THADEOUS
Courtney, on second thought, why don't you go ahead and pull my bed down...the more I'm thinking about it, I really don't want to do it. But don't worry about packing the bowl...I can do that. But the milk I guess would be nice.

COURTNEY
Anything you desire, sir.

Courtney gladly pulls down Thadeous' bed.

INT. THADEOUS' BEDROOM. LATER

Thadeous lays in bed all alone...it's dark.

THADEOUS
Ah, Isabel.

His eyes are closed.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
I can't believe you came back here. And now you want me to fuck you too.

Thadeous is really getting into it. Then something in the corner crashes. Thadeous springs up..dick in hand.

Boremont is standing in corner.

BOREMONT
Oh...excuse me. I just came by to tell you that it was a pleasure riding with you. You are a mighty--

THADEOUS
Yea, Boremont, It was a pleasure riding with you too. We've said this like fifteen fucking times tonight. Can this one wait for the morning...I'm trying to, uh-- sleep.

BOREMONT
Sleep?

THADEOUS
I wasn't jerking off, Boremont. I swear.

BOREMONT
Whatever breeze blows your Bruce, your highness.

Boremont smiles and turns away.

THADEOUS
Boremont, seriously, I wasn't diddling with my--

Boremont leaves revealing Isabel in the flesh standing there in his doorway.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Isabel?

Thadeous hides his hard on with his pillow.

ISABEL
I was able to wrap things up in the south quicker than expected. And I have not been able to stop thinking of you the whole time.

THADEOUS
I'm a hard prince to shake.

Isabel comes in his room and closes the door.

ISABEL
That you are. But before we go any further there is something I need to tell you...

THADEOUS
And what might that be? Are You surprised at how much your loins lust for me?!

Thadeous rips her dress off revealing a steel chastity belt.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Eww, What the bruce is that?

ISABEL
It's a chastity belt. Put upon me by an evil witch a long time ago.

THADEOUS
What a horribly cruel thing to do!

ISABEL
On my quest in the south I discovered that she now roams the marsh glades out west. If I can defeat her the curse will be broken and the belt will fall free.

THADEOUS
So in order for me to have sex with you we have to...

ISABEL
Go on another quest...yes.

THADEOUS
Okay. Super cool. We just got here and now I gotta already leave again.

ISABEL
I'm sorry. But--

THADEOUS
No it's cool. This is us living happily ever after. Lasts like two fucking minutes then it's back to the same old bull shit again. Please, can I just sit here for like five minutes and do nothing. Please.

She just looks at him. He tries to sit and relax but can't.

THADEOUS (CONT'D)
Oh, fuckery. Let's go!

And they're off...again.

THE END.